

THE
Divine Catastrophe
OF THE
KINGLY FAMILY
OF THE
House of STUARTS:

Or, a Short

HISTORY

OF THE

RISE, REIGNE, and RUINE thereof.

WHEREIN

The most Secret and Chamber Abominations
of the two last **KINGS** are discovered,
Divine Justice in King **CHARLES** his
Overthrow vindicated, and the Parliaments
Proceedings against him clearly justified.

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TO THE
Supreme Authority
Of this NATION,
ASSEMBLED
In this present PARLIAMENT.

Right Honorable Senators,

WANDERING in the Circumference
of my Contemplations, to find out what
was most suitable to present to the Su-
premacy of Parliament, under such a
divine Revolution as God hath brought
to pass instrumentally by your Wisdom and Direction,
and his heavenly Providence: In this wide Field the
Omnipotent guided my Thoughts, to dedicate a Dis-
course to your honourable Hands, concerning the fa-
tal Catastrophe of the last House had Superinten-
dency over us, to the Time the Almighty put the
Stern of this Commonwealth into a Parliamentary
Power, which I most humbly wish our Celestial Cre-
ator to continue, till a Snail be able to creep over
the whole Globe of the Earth.

In the mean while, I crave your Pardon, that I
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have not so distinctly in Order laid down many remarkable Passages worthy recite, my Papers being remote a great Distance from me; yet, by God's Grace, I have composed a little Enchiridion of divers remarkable Events have happened out, to prove God's just revenging Hand on the Family of the Kingly Stuarts of Scotland, and justified your Proceedings, and proved that the heavy Weight of Sin hath given a Downfall justly imposed by Providence from above; my Observations reaching no higher than from the King of Scots being taken Prisoner at Muscledorrough Field, in Edward the Sixth's Reign.

Now therefore, I thrice humbly desire your Patronage, especially finding by Experience the Composition and Style of this present Narrative, will incur the Displeasure and Hatred of most in this State; yet I value it not, being prompt by a higher Power than that of Man, which points out, by a Divine Finger, the Overthrow of all Men, exalted above all that is called God, whose Ruin will be the Bridge to let into the Stage of the World the heavenly Government of Christ, which shall continue for ever, maugre the Malice of the Universe.

Wherefore I most humbly implore the thrice honourable Parliament, to accept of this, as a Testimony of my Fidelity to the present Government; which I pray God to bless and maintain, to advance his Glory, and bring the whole Nation to a most happy Condition, which now the present Symptoms thereof shew plainly a new Approach of a great Tranquillity, not only to this, but to the three Nations in general.

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SINCE *Great Britain* hath been elevated all along the Stems of *Plantagenet*, *Theodor* or *Tedor*, and *Stuart*, to so high a Tree of Tyranny, as she was afore the late Wars; the Princes had Designs proportionable to a Way of making themselves absolute Governors; which Overture hath appeared more or less, according to the Humour of Times, and Inclination of the Guiders of the Stern: For some endued with Ability and Craftiness, necessary to settle an usurped Ambition, whilst the People were willing to bear the Load of that Burden, have made a Progress so politickly to bring their Aims to the

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Mark shot at, that they have so subtilly diffembled the Enterprize, as no Notice or Scandal arrived at their Doors, nor Impatience to the three Countreys of *England*, *Ireland*, and (since the Access of the Family of the *Stuarts*) to *Scotland*; until King *James*, for Hatred of his Mother's Death, plotted the Ruin of Parliaments, which ratified Queen *Mary's* Execution; and left it as his Testament for his Successor to follow; dictating, not long after his Death, to *Williams*, Archbishop of *York*, the Course he should steer to bring his Counsel to Conclusion. This devilish Advice thrust on this wilful Prince with an inconsiderate Fury; and, inflamed with that Fire, to settle to himself and his Successors an unbridled Power of Dominion; which hurried him on with the Whirlwind of Passion, to discover the Mystery which ought to have been concealed till the Design should be accomplished. Wherefore, of this Number in our Days was *Charles* the First, who, from the Beginning of his Government, blaming the Moderation of his Predecessors, resolved to go a Way contrary to the Stream of a pious Rule, and the Command of God; and aft, during his Time, that which God would not suffer to be done in many Ages past. And because the Pretension is always encumbered, when the Object cannot be attained; by wicked Advice perceiving he had not so well marched to accomplish his Drifts, with the just Power of Parliaments, which might sound a Trumpet in the Behalf of a Commonwealth, by Advice of his Antecedent and his wicked Adherents, laboured to raze out the Memory, breaking up two Parliaments; and not satisfied therewith, to practise Tyranny, kept the Nation near fourteen Years without such most lawful Assemblies, where the Rights of the Nation might be disco-

discovered, and true Liberty appear. This he did; that the Power of Law, and Property of the Subjects Estates, might be inclosed in his sole arbitrary Breast. To that Purpose he made his Sycophants of the Council-Table Judges of the Right of his People, the Star-Chamber, the Executioners of his unbridled Will, and the High-Commission, the Destroyers of Piety and Religion; which three, tho' he revoked by Acts, yet, being angry with himself for so doing, he raised a War, to make abortive all he had done by an armed Power, altho' he seemed willing to affect it afore: Therefore, pursuing the former Series of his Will for a Law, *Charles* quarrels first with the Gentry and People about Coat, Conduct, and Ship-Money, and plotted with his wicked Council, that a Thousand *German* Horse, in the Nature of *Trayle Battoun*, should take every one who denied to give him Money, or that would not subscribe to his endless Will and easeless Power, to be hurried to Prison, there to end their Days (some of them being so barbarously used.) This unjust Resolution he took upon him, unless they yielded to his unsatiabable Desires; by which Means, the Eyes of many of the triple Nations were sealed, as Pidgeons are used for Trains to devouring Hawks to plume and prey on. This struck such a pannick Fear, that they imagined all Power consisted in the Diadem, to be at his Mercy, because they were ignorant of their Rights, which were usually discovered in Parliaments, by some practised in the Records. But behold! God raised up some Heroes within the Doors of the Representative, and without, to awaken the People from a dead Sleep, or rather, to cure them of a Disease of Lethargy; who, rousing like Lions let loose out of a Den, opposed this most wicked Oppression; by which

Way, they certainly fulfilled God's Determination upon the seventh Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* (being Sabbatical) since the Beginning of the World, to bring down the Mountain of Monarchy, which had continued more than five hundred Years; to depress the Extortion practised in *Europe* from *Charlemain's* Age; a Symptom and Harbinger for *France, Spain, Germany, Turkey, and Papacy*, to change from an unbridled Power, to an *Aristocratical, or Plebeian* Way of Rule, which will better advance the Kingdom of *Jesus Christ* thorough the Universe: Whereby it appears, that *England* (by God's Assistance) may be the Elder Brother, to bring to pass so mighty an Alteration on the Stage of Christendom.

By divers ungodly Sophisms of State, for the Space of ten Years, King *Charles* raised up innumerable Projectors and ungodly Burdens, to enthral the Nations, by an arbitrary Way; imposing Monopolies, and many unlawful Taxes, under which they remained without Remedy of Relief; the Eyes and Ears of all in high Authority being blind and deaf, not to hear nor see Petitions of just Complaints, insomuch that the People generally cried out, Where are our Laws? and demanded, if all Justice were banished out of their Quarters; and, with Eyes lift up to Heaven, desired that those Caterpillars might not swell too big, like a Spleen, to bring a Consumption to the whole Body; praying also, that their empty Purses might not be filled with Blood, altho' their Eyes with Tears.

Now this miserable Condition (perceived by the Wrinkles Sorrow made on the Brow of our disordered Affairs, all wise Counsels banished, and the Reputation of a pious State withered) was augmented by King *Charles's* imposing the
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Common-Book of Prayer on the *Scots* (wherein God seemed to be Deaf a time, for the Sins of this Nation, multiplied against the Divine Majesty; yet at last he heard the Prayers of the Saints, that the *Scotish* Men could not endure this Imposition, so diametrically opposite to the Kirk, and Disposition of the Nation.)

This Stratagem was by the Artifice of *Laud*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, to bring into the Country Episcopal Government, to unite both Kingdoms in one Form of Church, in something agreeable with *Rome*, as a Bridge over which he might bring both People to Popery, to ingratiate himself with the Pope for a Cardinal's Cap.

Lo, how *Charles* and *Scotland* differed in this wide Field of Behaviour: The Interest of the King made Will a Law, and the other avoided such a Slavery; the Issue was (growing by this Edict obstinate) they could not endure it. But King *Charles* persisted in his wilful Determination to find out this Subject to work the Effects of his Indignation upon; so that this Occasion was fitly presented to his Wishes, to raise an armed Power to subdue them to his unbridled Pleasure. But when this War exenterated his Coffers for lack of Money, he was constrained, *nolens volens*, to call a Parliament, by the Advice of the former wicked Counsellor, who persuaded him to it; making the King believe, that at his Pleasure, he might on all Occasions break the Neck of such Assemblies. In the mean while, the Enterprize was hatched on the Basis of a Contrariety of Inclination; by which he might set a Bone to divide and govern both; because that Nation, by the immense Bounty of King *James*, was grown exceeding rich; which sowed Seeds of Envy in *England* to oppose the *Scot*. But by this Parliament, God (who hath sole Power in
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Sublunaries) turned this cross Blow to the Good of both, to enlarge the Gospel of *Jesus Christ*, and for the Liberty of *England* and *Scotland*.

But because the Errand of my Discourse is not solely to shew the Abuses of State, but rather by reckoning up a brief Catalogue of some, to demonstrate and delineate the just Judgment of God on the Family of these *Stuarts*, for Cruelties and Murthers one of another; that we may raise up our Praises to God, who out of the Ashes of intended Ruin, hath made the Source of so glorious a State as now is planted on our *English* Stage, wherein God finds this Commonwealth very consistent with his adequate Glory in consummating the Fulness of the Gentiles, and calling home of the *Jews* foretold in the Scriptures, to be performed in the latter Ages of the World; to the intent Promises and Prophecies should be accomplished, for the Dominion of *Christ* to extend to the Ends of the Earth, that those who sit in Darknes, and in the Shadow of Death, may be brought into a more perspicuous Light, to follow the Steps *Christ* hath traced out for all to walk in; which the over-grown Pride of Kings and Emperors would not submit to.

Therefore to demonstrate and observe, how the Almighty Hand of God hath determined the Extirpation of the Royal Stock of the *Stuarts*, for murdering one another, for their prophane Government, and wanton Lasciviousness of those Imps ingrafted in that Stock; I am forced to raise the Fabrick of this Relation higher by the fourth Story, and last Stair of the Great Grand-father of *Charles* the First, who was slain at *Muscleborough* Field by the *English* Army, under the Command of the Earl of *Arundel* and *Surrey*. This King, I say, left a sole Daughter, *Mary Stuart*, Inheritrix of that Realm; who, when she attained to Viripotency, was sought for

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a Consort to the Dauphine of *France*; which Title of Right belongs to the first Son of the King of that Crown. This Prince, after the Marriage, ended his Days by a Shiver of a Launce, at the Sport of Tourney in *Paris*. A Match contrived by the *French*, for the *Scots* to be Goads in our Sides, to hinder our invading of *France*, to which we had a just Title.

But this *Mary*, deprived of her Mate by this sad Accident, living some few Years in the *French* Court, where she was educated in the School of *Venus*, proved an apt Scholar in that wanton Academy; and affecting in her Inclination to be more absolute in her Passion of Love, to chuse (without Controul) a Paramour suitable, when, how long, and who she pleased, grew weary of the Delights of *Paris*, desiring Variety, returned into *Scotland*, where she had more Power; she being constant in nothing but Inconstancy; a Place, where the amorous Way was much in Esteem, tho' the Church Government somewhat hindered it; which was then not of such Force as since.

This Princess cast her Glances every where about, to find a Beauty fit for her Embrace; and at last fix'd her Liking on the Lord *Darnel*, of the House and Family of the *Stuarts*, of *Boote* in *Scotland*, whose Ancestors were there famous, contesting long ago for the King, with one *Wallis*, in their Home-bred Broils, who sided with the People. To say Truth, this Lord was a good and amiable Person, fit for any Compeership, how great soever; but after some time, this Princess (soon satiated) grew weary of the Conjunction, by reason of a Servant she entertained, called *David Ritsoe*, an *Italian* Musician, who excelled in the *Airs* of *Italy* above others in that Faculty; who enchanting the Queen with his Voice, made
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her think there was no Happiness but in his Approach into her Cabinet (a Place wherein she continually resided :) but from thence the Lord *Darnel* was banished above nine Months, divorced from her in Joy, altho' he sought divers Means in vain.

At last, for a Medicine to remedy his Discontent, one *Dowglas* administred Physick for his Cure, to amove *Ritfoe* from the Queen, and put the Lord her Husband into her Arms. So violent were the Ingredients, that *Ritfoe* was taken from this Princess by twelve arrived Lords, and their Retinue, who put her into the Lords Arms; killing *Ritfoe*, laid his dead Body on the same Trunk which was his Bed the first Night he arrived to the Queen's Service; but there was much ado, afore this Tragedy was acted. To understand this better, this *Dowglas*, an Agent for the twelve banished Lords out of *Scotland* to return, could not effect it, unless the Lord *Darnel* undertook the Accomplishment upon the former Condition, to dispatch *Ritfoe* from Court: But they being jealous of *Darnel's* Promise, not fix'd in other Punctilio's, would not believe him, till, pricking his Fingers, he wrote an Assurance under his Hand with Blood, in a Paper, really to effect it: Which was acted, when the Queen leaned on *Ritfoe's* Shoulder, at the Game of *Primero*, with the Earl of *Morton*, Chancellor of *Scotland*, who cherished this unlawful Familiarity; a Verity justified on Oath by *Darnel*, and one of the twelve Lords, the Lord *Ruthin*, at his Execution on the Scaffold, a Place where dying Men speak true.

This Lady very sorrowful, retiring to *Sterling* Castle, shortly after was brought abed of King *James*; but took no Delight in her Husband's Company; for the Lord *Bothwel* became a new
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Corrival in her Affection ; who both consented (as *Germanicus's* Wife with *Sejanus*, after she had been lascivious with him) to blow up her Husband's Body with Gunpowder ; who was cast dead on a Tree next Morning : A Spectacle made *Scotland* amazed at so fearful a Murder. By this most wicked Design she grew so contemptible to her Realm, that she was fain to flee to Queen *Elizabeth* for Succour : But lo, some Years afore, several Treasons were here discovered, that this *Mary* set the Traytors awork to take away our late Queen's Life, who were afore condemned for Traytors, and suffered Death : For this *Mary* was the next Pretender to the Crown, from *Henry* the Seventh ; but God prevented it, by her Privy-Council (counted the wisest of all *Europe*) who counselled *Elizabeth* to condemn her, to free *England* from Treasons against her Person. But the sage Princess conjectured, if the Death should be by her Edict, it might raise the Hatred of foreign Princes against her ; and therefore caused the Sentence only to be ratified by Act of Parliament, the Vote of the whole Realm, insomuch that a mock Secretary (called *Davison*) was chosen to go to *Fotheringham*, where she was rewarded with a Hatchet ; a just Judgment of God on her.

After this, King *James* (being about sixteen Years old) was crowned, and had for Tutor one *Bohannon*, called amongst us *Buchanen* ; a learned Divine, and wise, to train up young Princes ; whose Books are famous thro' this Part of the World. This prudent Schoolmaster, observing the young Prince's Facility to sign any Grant for his Servants without Reading, by which Means he had pardoned many Murthers, and passed other Instruments of damnable Consequence to the Commonwealth ; in which this Tutor imitated *Theodosius's* godly Fraud, to discern the Hearts of

his Courtiers Soundness in Religion ; who having taken great Pains with the King from his Childhood, desired a Boon, which King *James* was willing to grant ; therefore one Morning the King going out early a hunting, *Buchanan* brought an absolute Resignation of his Kingdom, with all Immunities to it, which was signed without Aspect. At Night, returning from field Sports, retiring usually afore Supper to read some profitable Author, which his Schoolmaster chose ; all shut out of the Chamber, *Buchanan* sat down in the King's Chair, and told him that he was King, giving him the Writing to peruse ; which reading, he shed Tears for his Folly ; yet *Buchanan* after comforted him, and charged his Scholar not to sign any Grant but what was just ; and so threw the Grant of all *Scotland* into the Fire.

About this Time, Queen *Anne* was brought out of *Denmark* for a Match ; a Lady of a goodly Presence, beautiful Eyes, and too strong to be joined with a Prince young, and weak in Constitution ; an Union unsuitable, for a *Virago* to couple with a spiny and thin Creature ; a Course made her Fancy work as a Fat, for to further a Female Content, and placed in her Delight one Master *Stuart*, of the House of the Earl of *Murray*. His haunting her Chamber too sedulously bred such a Jealousy in King *James*, for to impart his Thoughts to Marquess *Huntley*, and get dispatched this *Stuart* out of the Way, burning his House, and himself in it. After whose Death the Queen found others to satisfy her unruly Appetite, as namely, the Earl of *Gowry*, a Lord of a comely Visage, good Stature, and of an attracting Allurement ; who, upon King *James*'s Suspicion of often Society with the Queen, converted to the Poyson of Hatred the Friendship and Love of the Earl ; causing *Ramsay*, after

Earl of *Holderness*, with others, to murder *Gowry* in his own House; giving it out for a Stale, that the Earl, with others, would have killed him: And to make his Falshood appear odious in Shape of Truth, appointed the fifth of *August* a solemn Day of Thanksgiving for his supposed Delivery; and in this mocked the God of Heaven.

After this, the Queen entertained into her Service one Mr. *Beely a Dane*, to whom she bore an Affection; this Gentleman came with her into *England*, and grew more entire in her Thoughts; with whom I had a Familiarity, to be a Commissioner for him in a Grant his Mistress procured for him of King *James*, of Felons Goods in divers Counties; who in great Secresy discovered to me, he was natural Father of King *Charles*; but waxing old, the Queen took two proper Gentlemen of the House of *Bohannon* to her Service. These being Partners in her Affection, fell out in a Duel, and killed one another for Priority in her Love.

Not long after *Gowry's* Death, Prince *Henry* was born at *Edinburgh*; whereupon Queen *Elizabeth* sent the Earl of *Suffex* Ambassador, to congratulate this Birth, and be Godfather, with a gallant Retinue: But *Scotland* being poor, and the King wanting Money to discharge the Glory of such a Royal Entertainment, the Earl of *Orkney*, a Bastard of the former King's, pawned his Estate in the Islands of *Scotland*, to raise a great Sum to discharge the Christening. Behold, how King *James* did not only not disengage this Mortgage, but suffered this Earl to die in Prison at *Blackness* near *Edinburgh* Castle; an Ingratitude indelible for After-ages to detest.

I omit the Murders, Inchantments, Witcheries, committed by his Predecessors, of Weight enough, without more, to pull down that House.

But *Henry* the Fourth of *France* being informed of this Congratulation, and conceiving it to be a Step to unite *England* and *Scotland* in one Government, *Elizabeth* waxing old, sent a Letter of Encouragement to King *James*, to join with him in Revenge of his Mother's Death; who reply'd, (as the true Copy expressed) that he would not fall at Difference with *Elizabeth*, since he was now more secure in his Throne than in his Mother's Time; intimating, he was not sorry for her Amoval; for her Life might have procured his Ruin.

Elizabeth, after forty Years Reign, was moved by her Privy-Council to settle King *James* for Successor; who said, she would not erect a Monument in her Life, for a Follower to expect her End. She was a Lady adorned with Majesty, Learning, Languages, Wisdom, and Piety; yet fearful of Death; for she hated any Word tended to it, as shall be manifest by *Roger*, Lord *North*, when carving one Day at Dinner, the Queen asked what that covered Dish was; he lifting up the Cover, replied, *Madam, it is a Coffin*; a Word moved the Queen to Anger: *And are you such a Fool*, said she, *to give a Pie such a Name?* This gave Warning to the Courtiers not to use any Word mentioned her Death. But this prudent Princess died after forty four Years compleat; and King *James* was proclaimed about the last of *March*, 1602. King of *England*, by his Privy-Council, assisted by the Lord-Mayor of *London*, *Sir Robert Lee*. In *May* after, he entered, met with many Nobles and Gentlemen, the Sheriffs attending him in every County from *Berwick*; so that there was a general Applause,

and Royal Entertainment, at his Entrance into the *Charter-house* in *London*; yet ominously attended with a great Plague of three Thousand dying in a Week in the City: This Union gave a grand Expectation of Tranquillity to both Kingdoms. To effect this better, he called a Parliament lasted seven Years, and raised many Subsidies, with great Sums left by his Predecessor; which vast Treasure was all bestowed on the needy *Scots*, who, like Horse-leeches, sucked the *Exchequer* dry; so that Honour and Offices were set to Sale, to fill the *Scots* Purses, and empty the Kingdom's Treasure. This caused a bye Word, *That the Exchequer reached from London to Edinburgh*. This was not sufficient to gorge their insatiable Requests; but many Monopolies likewise were erected, myself after reporting thirty-two Patents to the Parliament in *decimo octavo Jacobi*.

The Queen deprived of the nightly Company of a Husband, turned her Delight to the Prince, whom she respected above her other Children; finding him too serious, diverted him from so much Intensiveness, to an amorous Gesture, in which the *English* Court took great Pride. To that Purpose, she initiated him in the Court of *Cupid*; as one Night she shut him under Lock and Key, in a Chamber with a beautiful young Lady, now dead; which shewed her Love to the Sport; indeed, more like a Bawd than a discreet Mother, who is bound to season her Children in Virtue, while young, that they may hold the Taste in Age; whose Example, in Vertue or Vice, might draw a World to follow the Pattern. But after, Prince *Henry* fell mortally sick of a supposed Fever, but not without Suspicion of Poyson. A Prince, whom all *Europe* expected to be the Promoter of some great and famous Action,

Action, because his Inclination was bent to the Martial Art above his Years, and also excelled in Matters of State, both in Discourse, and Choice of ablest Company, which he much delighted in, for Advice and Counsel. This Ripeness in Judgment, and Dexterity in Souldiery to form Models of any Sort of Battels, stirred up King *James* to suspect the Prince might depose him; especially knowing he was not begot of his Body. This caused the Lord *Saintclaré*, then Ambassador in *Denmark*, not to be ashamed to challenge Prince *Henry* to be his own Son, to *English* and *Scots* there arrived; so that by some Pill or other the Prince came to his End. This was plainly shewed, when he was cut up to be embalmed, his Brain was Liver-hued and putrified; an Argument of Poison, as was affirmed by a most learned Physician, *Butler of Cambridge*. Now King *James*, more addicted to love Males than Females, though, for Compliment, he visited Queen *Anne*, yet never lodged with her a Night for many Years. Whereupon, *Gundamore* observing how King *James* was addicted, told him that the Lady *Hatton* would not suffer the Lord *Cook* her Husband to come into her Fore-door, nor he himself to her Back door. (*Hatton* and *Ely* Houses joining together, where they dwelt, she denying him a Passage backward to take Air.)

Now that the Fruit of Mortality might declare human Frailty, Queen *Anne*, who had trod so many stately Footings in Masks of Court, Beauty fading, Strength failing, and Youth metamorphosed to Years, Health to Sicknes, being haunted with a lingering Sicknes, which contracted her End. For Doctor *Upton* at his Death (not long afore the Queen's) declared a Skeleton being in her Womb, proves she was with Child, and that

that Phyfick had destroyed it, and so the Skeleton remained, which was laboured to be purged away, but all in vain, rotted in her. Of this Doctor there was a Jealousy of revealing it, for which his Passage was made to another World, as his Tongue to me at his Death uttered, who married my near Kinswoman.

The Queen departed, the King sold his Affections to Sir *George Villiers*, whom he would tumble and kiss as a Mistress. This Favourite had erected many Monopolies; who finding Parliaments hindered his Profit, caused his Master to dissolve those Patents, and break up the Parliament of *decimo octavo*, raising a Number of Privy-Seals, which were borrowed, and never paid.

And to add to the Iniquity of the Times, divers Incests were then pardoned; insomuch as two Gentlemen, who married two Sisters one after another, got License at *Newmarket* not to be molested in the High-Commission. But above all, a godly Minister in *Lincolnshire* was barbarously murdered by one *Cartwright*, whom King *James* pardoned. The Reason of this Murther was, for rebuking him of Swearing, Drukenness, and Whoring.

At this time were many pious Divines silenced by the Bishops, who inhibited Preaching in the Afternoon; divers Exercises in several Towns commanded down; an Occasion bred much Prophaneness in *England*; King *James* allowing Dancing about May-poles, and so winked at breaking the Sabbath, a Vice God curseth every where in Scripture.

What shall I say more? All Impiety was encouraged in such a Sort, that lawful Marriages were divorced or nullified; as namely, the Countess of *Essex* from the Earl of *Essex*, late General

ral for the Parliament ; alledging the Lord had a Defect, and was not able to perform the Act of Generation, (altho' the contrary was after proved) to make a Gap for *Somerſet's* Adultery, by a Nullity which Biſhop *Bilſon* deviſed ; a Nick-name being given for this to his Son, who was rewarded with Knighthood, and therefore ſtiled by the People, *Sir Nullity Bilſon*. This Biſhop maintained *Chriſt's* perſonal Deſcenſion into Hell ; an Opinion diſavowed by all Orthodox Divines : And many other falſe Opinions were maintained in that Age ; as, that *Solomon* was damned, an *Amanuenſis* of the Scripture.

The ſecond Example is the Lord *Rich's* Lady, named *Penelope* ; who was divorced, to make Way for the Lord *Montjoy's* Luſt, Earl of *Devonſhire*.

What ſhall I ſay more ? Did not King *James*, his Minions and Favourites, rule the Kingdom in the Perſon of the King, who were five in Number, ſince his Approach upon *Engliſh* Ground ? To wit, Sir *George Humes*, Earl of *Dunbar* ; Sir *Philip Herbert*, after Earl of *Montgomery* and *Pembrook* ; Sir *James Hayes*, Earl of *Carlisle*, and Sir *Robert Carr*, Earl of *Somerſet*, who defiled his Hands in *Overbury's* Death, that wicked Divorce uſhering the Murther. This *Somerſet* being elected of the Council, furniſhed his Library with twenty Play-books and wanton Romances, and had no other in his Study. A Lord very like to give wiſe Counſel ! This Lord, with his Lady, were queſtioned for the Murther ; and the Lieutenant of the *Tower*, Sir *George Elloways*, was hanged, but for concealing of it : King *James* being willing, with this Accuſation, to make Paſſage for another Favourite, which was Sir *George Villiers*, after Duke of *Buckingham*, who, by his Greatneſs, vitiated many gentle and noble Virgins in Birth,

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the' vicious for yielding to his Lust, whose Greatness opened the Door to allure them more.

To please this Favourite, King *James* gave Way for the Duke to entice others to his Will. Two Examples I will recite: *First*, The King entertained Sir *John Crafts*, and his Daughter, a beautiful Lass, at *Newmarket*, to sit at the Table with the King. This he did then, to procure *Buckingham* the easier to vitiate her. *Secondly*, Mrs. *Dorothy Gawdy*, being a rare Creature; King *James* carried *Buckingham* to *Culford*, to have his Will on that Beauty: But Sir *Nicholas Bacon's* Sons conveyed her out of a Window into a private Chamber, over the Leads, and so disappointed the Duke of his wicked Purpose. In which cleanly Conveyance, the Author had a Hand, with the Knight's Sons. Truly, that Day a sober Man was hard to be seen, in King, Prince, and Nobles. Moreover, it was an Art King *James* used for these Favourites, to be Skreens, to decline the Hatred of his People; when complained of in Parliamént, and when questioned, they were Sponges to be squeezed to fill his Coffers.

One Story I will relate, more remarkable than the rest: The King, very timorous of Death, from the Contrivings of the Pope and *Spain*, wrote a Letter to the Pope, that he would tolerate Popery, when he brought Affairs to his Bent in *Great Britain*. The Letter discovered, by a lucky Chance, to the seven Years Parliament, and complained of in the Remonstrance to the King, he made the *Scotish* Secretary own this Act, and affirm it was his, and not the King's, promising him to take him off at last with Advancement; but contrary, it occasioned the Secretary's Ruin.

Here, by the Way, I must play the Cook, to hard three several Occurrences, not impertinent

to the Matter in hand. The first was, that Secretary *Winnode* took a Bribe of 20,000 *l.* to redeliver the four cautionary Towns in *Holland* to the *Dutch*; which we now may see might have curbed the States from prejudicing *England*. Another was, King *James's* Weakness, to give Way to *Gundamore*, to take away Sir *Walter Raleigh's* Life, who might have vexed *Philip* the Second of *Spain*. A third was, to sell Iron Ordnance, and discover the Art of their Carriages, which all the World was ignorant of.

This last Favourite, *George Duke of Buckingham*, advanced to such Power with his Mother, rewarded the King with Poison, by a poisoning Water, and a Plaister made of the Oil of Toads.

This Duke, from a private Gentleman, with an Annuity of thirty Pound a Year for Life, was raised to such a Mount of Glory and Power, to be Master of the Horse, Master of the Wards and Liveries, Admiral of *England*, and Lord Warden of the Cinque-Ports; a Lord tall of Stature, amiable Countenance, who, like a ravenous Kite, ingrossed all into his Hands, to enrich and advance his Kindred, and to place and displace whom he listed: So that this Lord was grown so potent, his Master stood in Awe of him, in such Sort, that when the King was sick of the Gout, he would remove him from Place to Place at Pleasure, against the King's Will; who, to work his Ends, wrought into Favour with the rising *Phæbus*, King *Charles*. The King prying into this Way of his Successor, set a bold Courtier, Doctor *Turner*, a-float, to bring the Earl of *Bristol*, then out, to launch into Favour; but the Duke complying with *Turner*, perceived the Plot against him, wrought by a Counterminer, by *Charles*, the chief Engineer: But the Duke's Drift was, after King *James's* Death, to make himself

himself King of *Ireland*; and therefore he was
 stiled Prince of *Typeraria*, an Appendix to that
 Throne. This made the Duke swell like a Toad,
 to such a monstrous Proportion of Greatness in
 vast Thoughts, as multiplying to an Ocean, from
 the Rivers of Pride, Power, and Ambition; he
 sat as a Giant on the Shoulders of King *James*,
 and drowned his Power, limiting no Bounds to
 his overflowing Will, whose Virtue and good
 Nature being corrupted by so wicked a Life, tur-
 ned Love into Hatred, Obedience into Rule:
 For after he had dispatched the Duke of *Rich-
 mond*, Marquis *Hamilton*, the Earl of *Southamp-
 ton* and his Son, by Poison, (as by Dr. *Egleston's*
 Relation plainly appeared to the Parliament, whom
 he caused to be killed in foreign Parts, for disco-
 vering the Villany :) Thus filled with Venom of
 Greatness, he made no Bones to send his Master
 packing to another World, as appeared plainly
 in Parliament, by the Witness of divers Physi-
 cians, especially Doctor *Ramsley*, in full Hearing
 at a Committee. Wherefore, for this and other
 Crimes, he was impeached in the Beginning of
 King *Charles's* Government: And though King
Charles was bound to prosecute King *James*, and
 the other Lords Death, committed contrary to all
 the Laws of God and Nations; yet King *Charles*,
 to save the Duke, dissolved the Parliament, and
 never after had the Truth tried, to clear himself
 from Confederacy, or the Duke from so heinous
 a Scandal. Now let all the World judge of
Charles's Carriage, whether he was not guilty of
 conniving at so foul a Sin, tho' not of the Death:
 So that covering his Lion-like Disposition with
 Appearance of a Lamb, he proved like *Nero* the
 Tyrant, that in the Parliament of the Petition
 of Right, shewing himself in his lively Colours,
 for displaying the Banner of Tyranny, he put an

End to the Meeting, and imprisoned divers Members ; so that Sir *John Elliot* died, and the rest remained in Durance, because they had been faithful to their Countrey ; and, to add to Cruelty, he sent Serjeant *Glanvile*, Sir *Peter Hayman*, and Colonel *Purify*, into foreign Parts, to consume their Fortunes, and hazard their Lives ; calling not a Parliament long after.

By this time, Sycophants so enlarged the Monarchy without Bounds ; that there were Exactions, too many to be repeated in so little a Volume as this : And Piety being intombed so many Years, and so many pious Men silenced, caused Nobility, Gentry, and all Inferiors, more licentious ; who by insensible Steps grew Atheistical. This was connived at by many debauched in Authority : So great a Current of Profaneness was generally for want of Ordinances, which caused the People to perish in Godliness. The Fault proceeded from both Kings ; but especially from the first, governing by young Counsellors, who had not Virtue, but Vanity ; this caused *Gundamore* (that cunning *Machiavil*) to scoff at the Counsellors of State, telling King *James*, he was the wisest and happiest Prince of Christendom, to make Privy-Counsellors sage at the Age of twenty-one, which his Master (the King of *Spain*) could not till sixty. A Jest, pocketed up by him, who loved Commendation and Flattery more than Truth ; by which he was blinded, and saw not the hidden Flout. This Prince (otherwise very much knowing) moved in his *English* Reign Favourites to the fifth Coat : These Nobles being addicted more to Pleasure and Delights, than the School of Prudence and Wisdom, looking more at their own Interest, than the common Good, or Piety of Life, gave so vast a Liberty to their Lives, as made an Abordment of Loose-
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ness in many ; insomuch that Strictness of Life (which our Saviour requires) was imputed a Disgrace ; and the vainest counted the wisest ; the profanest, no Hypocrite ; and a *Puritan* was stiled a Devil : So that by this time it was difficult to hear profitable Sermons ; the Pulpits being stuffed more with Eloquence than Zeal, to move the Conscience ; and the Preachers were fitter for a Stage than a Pulpit. Thus began Goodness to dwindle, and Vice to spread far and near, vicious Men being counted the gallantest. But God opened *Pembroke's* Heart to see the Errors of Youth.

But behold ! the last was Sir *George Villiers* in Number, but first in Vice and Villany, as by the former Relation he appeared unmasked in his open Colours, who mounted the highest Steps of Honour, and profited most in the Academy of *Nicholaus the Florentine*, accompanied with a Juncto of *Achitophel* Advisers, who spun the Webb of all his inhuman Devices ; and had none to intercept the Contriving, but *Felton*, with a Knife to take away their General, which hindered further rallying his Diabolical Plots. This Man embarked us in an unnecessary War, at the Island of *Rees*, where many brave Commanders ended their Days, by his unexperienced Discipline in War ; who, tho' advised by *Burrows*, guarded not a Fort ; which made the *French* Masters of that Island, after he had taken it ; and in his Retreat from thence, placed his Ensigns in the Muskets, not the Pikes.

Afore this, King *Charles* sought to marry with *Mary* of the House of *Bourbon* ; and sent the Earl of *Holland* ordinary Ambassador to *France* ; who, with the Assistance of the Extraordinary *Buckingham* there, dispatched that Overture by the Aid of the Queen-Mother, with their alluring Behaviour, which drew on the Conclusion, more
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than a Team of Horses or Oxen could ; a Bye-Word King *James* used, to obtain Ends by Female Creatures.

To *Dover Mary* was brought, and so to *Canterbury*, where King *Charles* bedded her, without the ordinary religious Form of uniting.

This Queen, some Years after, shewed great Modesty, altho' there lay a Pad in the Straw : For the Count of *Soissons* justified boldly and openly, at the *Louvre* in *Paris*, that he was contracted before to her, with divers Witnesses ; and so challenged her for his lawful Wife before God.

Holland of this advertised, sent *Soissons* a Challenge to combat him ; but *Soissons* was deaf of that Ear, and never met ; a Reason was, the Court Faction ; for the Marriage was too strong, for him to maintain the Truth with his Sword : An Occasion, demonstrated more his Fear of Ruin than Valour ; and that his Enemy's Power abated the Edge of his Courage.

Whilst this Match was a brewing, the Duke assayed to defile *Lewis* the Thirteenth's Bed, by some Accomplices, which then was found out by the Parliament in *Paris* : A Discovery instigated him to procure his Master to the *French* War, inhibiting the *Spanish* Marriage, because Count *Olivares* had foisted into his Bed a pocky Courtesan at *Madrid*, instead of his Lady, often solicited by *Buckingham*, most of his Wisdom consisting in such Constipations. So that these bawdy Transactions, in a Prospective Glass, may bring nearer to our Memories the Fashion of *Charles's* Reign, how Sin was hatched from an Egg to a Dragon, to devour Holiness of Life ; insomuch that the Masks and Plays at *Whitehall* were used only for Incentives to Lust : Therefore the Courtiers invited the Citizens Wives to those Shews, on purpose to defile them in such Sort. There is not a Lobby

Lobby nor Chamber (if it could speak) but would verify this.

King *James* dead, King *Charles* ascended the Throne, with a dismal Plague of 5000 dying every Week. God pointing to us, as with a Fescu, as a Schoolmaster, to warn us to repent of our abominable Sins; if no Admonition would reform us, he would scourge us with an Iron Rod. Yet, in Shew, King *Charles* gave good Hopes to his People of a virtuous Reign; but finding the Sweetness of his invassaling the People, King *Charles* paved his Path by the Steps of his Fore-runner, who reigned twenty-three Years, save one Day: But *Charles*, instead of pacing it, ran violently to destroy his Subjects, following too hastily his Precedents Direction, which brought him afore his Time to the Block, the Desert of Tyrants.

Certainly those Times differed much from these: For where it is falsely objected, that these Days are more heretical; I answer, by a general Sale of heretical Books, then they sought to vitiate Truth with Greediness, the sole Endeavour in the Universities: Now in these Days, too curiously finding out Truth, they mistake it unwillingly, and run upon some Points of Error; which this wise Parliament labours to suppress, by placing pious and learned Divines (as speedily as they can) Men endued with the Spirit of God, thro' their Dominions; there being a wide Difference 'twixt those that do wilfully maintain against Knowledge, Falshood; and the others, that mistake the Truth: But in those Times they studied erroneous Opinions, being encouraged by the Bishops; so that the Students were ambitious to rake out of the Ashes many Heresies of *Rome*, to maintain their Lordships; as namely, kneeling at the Sacrament: They used Arguments

ments of the real Presence of *Christ*, and so revered *Christ* corporally present, with the Papists; when our Saviour used Sitting, another Gesture. From this Root sprang the *Socinian* damnable Opinion, to make *Christ's* Death an Imitation for all to follow, to bury in Oblivion the great High Priesthood of *Christ*, and to advance their Sacerdotal Tyranny, and insult over the People by the Power of spiritual Courts, which exalted them above others; when *Christ* abased himself to be a Saviour in his Actions on Earth; a Carriage they ought to have used, according to his Example: By which Means, the Clergy were the Eyes, Ears, Hands, Legs, and above all, the Brain, to support the King's insupportable Tyranny. To this Head I will reduce their idolatrous cringing to the Altar, bowing at the Name of *Jesus*, and making Churches idolatrous; usually kneeling and praying in them, when no Service of God was used: And their *δουλεία*, Reverence at the Eucharist, was to no other Purpose, but to support Antichristian Episcopacy; what Honour was done in the Church, was placed on them; transferring the Honour done, from the Place, to the Persons administering Service; a Cause made King *Charles* take them into his Intimacy, to support his absolute Monarchy, to do what he pleased with Subjects Property, real, personal, and vital; as also finding the Papacy conduced more to Regality, he favoured them more than Protestants: For when the Justices in all Parts persecuted the Papists upon the Statutes, they were disgraced, and removed, and the Protestants persecuted and punished, and the Priests delivered out of Prison. In which Rout, amongst others, was Secretary *Windebank*, a principal Agent to get in Favour with Queen *Mary*; insomuch that I knew divers

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Papists brought out of *Newgate*, and their Pursuers punished. This last recited Secretary was a Creature to *Laud*, both Brothers in Iniquity to accomplish such Matters.

Did not King *Charles's* Letter, written in *Spain* to the Pope, shew his Inclination to set up Popery, if the Pope would grant him a Dispensation to marry the *Infanta*? Yea, certainly it cannot be denied by any rational Man, if he considers fully the Bent of those Times, he must be convinced by a Truth I shall utter. When the King came from *Greenwich* with the Queen, on a *Tuesday* Morning, a little afore the last Parliament, she landing at *Somerset House*, where she lodged, the King arriving at *Whitehall*, on a Day he used to hear a Sermon, the Queen drew him from the Sermon to *Somerset House*; insomuch as a Lord, to whom I gave a Visit, told me (when he came not to the Preaching at twelve of the Clock, long expected) in Anger, that the King was then at Mass, and reconciled to the Pope; and so this Lord in Haste went after Mass Time to *Somerset House*, and there dined. It is therefore no Marvel, why the Almighty sent so much Misery upon these three Kingdoms, and wrought such a fatal Catastrophe, to turn the Spokes of the Wheel upside down, raising the Humble out of the Dust, and abasing the Proud and High-minded.

By this, as by a Prospective Glass, we may behold how King *Charles* erected the Fabrick of his Potency, or rather the Structure of his ill Government. For it will appear plainly, that King *Charles* negotiated with the Pope, to reduce *England* to Popery privately: Therefore it is known to all, that King *Charles* entertained three Nuncio's from the Pope; *Gregorio Pansano*, *Seigneur Con*, and another, under Pretence to regu-

late the Popish Clergy under the Bishop of *Chalcedon*, appointed by *Barbareno*, the Pope's Nephew, Protector of the *English* Catholicks; when the Purpose was to reduce to any Union the *Protestant* Clergy with the *Roman*. And was not *Arthur Bret* appointed to go Ambassador to *Rome* from King *Charles*, who died by the Way? And after there was sent Sir *James Hambleton*, of the House of *Abercorn*.

To make a Step farther, I will inform the Reader. After *Buckingham's* Death, the Earl of *Holland* was highest in Favour with King *Charles*, who bestowed on him near one hundred and fifty thousand Pound in few Years; and he was no less esteemed of the Queen, being her Agent to receive Monies forfeited, and Compositions given her by her Consort; as namely, to free Sir *Giles Alington's* Punishment for marrying his Niece, twelve thousand Pound was paid to *Holland*, for the Use of the Queen, they sharing Money and Delights together.

This made the King's Love of *Holland* not always firm: For a Suspicion arose, as a Devil, to be the Bane of Friendship, which thus happened; such was the Intirety 'twixt the Queen and this Lord; she having sent Letters into *France* to one *Monsieur de Ferre*, then in Prison, she inclosed a Letter unsealed in *Holland's* Letter sealed, which was intercepted by the Ambassador the Lord *Jerome Weston*, Resident in *France*, and sent to his Father the Lord Treasurer, by whom it was shewn to the King: A Matter made him so passionately jealous of *Holland*, as he was confined to *Kensington*. Whereupon, the Queen was so discontented, as she bedded not with the King some Nights; and was so enraged for *Holland's* Confinement, as, till the King releas'd him, she would not entertain him to her Bed: But, as Nature is frail,

so the flying Embraces, made the Husband more earnest to pursue her Fruition; so that at last, *Holland's* Enemies are chid, and he brought into Favour. These are the Devices of cunning Dames, when silly Men, being Horn-beaten, oftentimes, are cured without a Plaister: He had better have put them into his Pocket. After this, the Queen advertized of *Charles's* Lubricity with divers Ladies his Mistresses, which appeared, because he was jealous of a Lord handing a Countess he dearly loved thro' the Court of *Whitehall*, at which he shewed much Indignation for a great time. In the mean time, there were not People wanting, who nourished each in Suspicion; so that both seeing themselves peccant, one had Freedom of Mistresses, and the other of Servants.

Now I must crave your Pardon, if I have not observed so punctually the Times; this being rather a Rhapsody, than a continued History, and therefore I am constrained to patch up the *Post* with the *Prior*, Faults being all of one Batch of Tyranny; as *Benjamin Volington*, *William Stroud*, and *Eliot*, Mr. *Hambden*; Sir *John Corbet*, Sir *John Hevingham*, were confined, for being faithful in Parliament. Moreover, for discovering the Design of a Thousand *German* Horse, the Earl of *Somerset*, the Earl of *Clare*, died; Sir *Robert Cotton* died; my Lord *St. John*, Mr. *Selden*, and Mr. *James* were sent to the Tower. The Occasion was this, as I remember; *Pickerni*, Master-Falconer, found the written Project in the King's Cabinet, it being open; who took it out, and brought it to *Somerset*, and so it came to the Hands of Sir *Robert*, and the other four usually meeting: But Sir *Robert* had a Man would take his Cups freely, and, at a Tavern, told it to a false Brother, who betrayed them all; for which Cause the five were brought, *aurium tenuis*, into

the *Star-Chamber*, because it was discovered afore it was acted.

But it is more memorable, how King *Charles* was angry with the Parliament of the Petitions of Right, as he was so far from punishing Sir *Richard Plumly*, for pulling a Knight *Hubard* out of a Coach, and beating him so that he died; and to shew his Hatred to *Hubard*, who was one of them, that held the then Speaker of the Parliament, Sir *John Finch*, in the Chair, that he advanced this *Plumly* to be Admiral of the *Irish* Seas, and made him a Knight for his Service for killing *Hubard*, when justly he should have questioned him for his Life.

And to sound King *Charles* his Heart, it is probable King *Charles* was in his Heart a Papist, by the Queen's Persuasion and her Mother; for after going from the Parliament, he sent Pardons for divers Priests condemned; who ingeniously finding this would make a Rupture 'twixt King and Parliament, the Prisoners petitioned the Houses, sending the Pardons to the House, and desired, rather than there should be a Breach between them, to suffer Death; for which Prudence the Parliament would not let them die.

In both these King's Times, swearing was in such Esteem principally from King *James's* Example, cursing the People with all the Plagues of *Egypt*; though King *Charles* granted twelve Pence an Oath through the Kingdom to *Robin Lashly*, which was observed more to get Money than suppress swearing; for such a Negligence was in the Magistrates, seeing the Courtiers garnished their Mouths with God-dammes, as if they desired Damnation rather than Salvation.

Bribery, the Nurse of Justice, was so rife in those Days, that Right was not distributed to the Owner; a vice augmented by the Knights of the

the Post, very frequent in City and Countrey. And Lawyers would take Fees, and never plead for their Clients; and sometimes on both Sides; insomuch as in a Suit depending 'twixt my self and my Son, we gave Fees to one and the same Person. Wherefore on these Times God hath brought on us a lamentable War.

Now let all the World behold how King *Charles* violated the Rights of Parliaments, coming into the House with great Power, to carry away the five Members. To prove how great a Breach of Privilege of Parliament this was, the Author hereof wrote a Discourse against it, affixing his Hand; it being taken in his Waggon at *Banbury* by the King's Party; for which he was condemned to die by *Sir Robert Heath*, and his Estate given away.

I will not repeat how much he hath suffered for being faithful to Parliaments, both before and since the Access of this; only I will rehearse, that being taken Prisoner by the Cavaliers, he lost four hundred Pounds in Money, Apparel, Waggon, and forty Horses; and likewise in *Wiltshire* at *Broad Choak*, in Household-stuff, four hundred Pounds; which was carried into *Langford*, after a Garrison taken by Colonel *Ludlow* for the Parliament; which he had never restored, although he often petitioned.

Another Wrong long since he had: When *Sir Robert Heath* had inclosed two thousand Acres of Common, as Lord of *Sobam*, one named *Anne Dobbs* was kept with Bread and Water in *Cambridge Castle*, by a Justice of Peace, a Creature of *Sir Robert's*, to confess the Author of this Discourse counselled her with others to pull down the Enclosure taken from the Common; by that Means to take away his Life as a Rebel; when it was well known he had no Hand in it,
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but then was sitting in Parliament as a Member.

By this it appears, the King chose good Judges and Justices, which were so corrupt. The reason was, that the Author being condemned, he might forfeit a Manor next adjacent. This Justice of Peace was a mortal Enemy of his, Sir *Robert Heath* having bought four hundred Pound a Year of the Justice, where the accused was Lord, that Sir *Robert* might beg it of the King.

And if we examine the King of *Denmark*, Brother of Queen *Anne*; the first time he was entertained into *England*, what Debauchedness was exercised in his Welcome to King *James*, to add Punishment to the Family! who were both so drunk at *Theobalds*, as our King was carried in the Arms of the Courtiers; when one cheated another of the Bedchamber, for getting a Grant from King *James*, for that he would give him the best Jewel in *England* for a Jewel of a hundred Pound, he promised him; and so put King *James* in his Arms, and carried him to his Lodging, and defrauded the Bedchamber-man, who had had much ado to get the King into his Bed. And *Denmark* was so disguised, as he would have lain with the Countess of *Nottingham*, making Horns in Derision at her Husband the High Admiral of *England*; which caused a deep Discontent between them. And generally the Courtiers were then so debauched in that beastly Sin, as at that Time, in the Waiters Chamber at Supper, a Courtier was found dead on the Table, the Wine foaming out of his Mouth: A horrid Sight to behold.

And it is worthy of Observation to consider the Carriage of the King of *Denmark* and his Son usually in his own Countrey; for at my being there, I saw the old King (as his Custom was)

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to call for the Master of his Household; when he made a Voyage or Progress, wrote on a Past-board what he should do, and so took the Waggon to go to his Boars Houses, and eat Martlemas Beef, powdered Pork, Bacon, or such like as they had ready; and after Repast, took for a Collation the handsomest Daughter, Kinswoman, or Servant in the House (all her Kindred adorning her with all sorts of wearing Ornaments) whom the King carried to one of his Guest-houses, where he had not above three or four Lodgings and a Kitchen, and solaced himself with this Jewel so long as he pleased, and after brought her home. A Fruition made her in much Esteem with her Friends, after so adulterous a Fact.

Likewise it was the Custom of his Son to ride on a Sled drawn with Horses, Bells fastened to them, which tingled as he passed through the Towns: The Noise caused the Women to run out of Doors; the Prince beholding one more amiable than the rest, beckning to her with his Finger, presently she came to the Sled, and accompanied him to some Hosterie, till he had satisfied fully his Lust.

Also their usual Course is to prophane the Sabbath in such sort, as all the Carpenters in the Kingdom that Day work *gratis*, to make the King's Ships; and the People go to Church in their worst Cloaths, making no Difference 'twixt the Lord's Day and other Days; who, instead of Godly Exercises, use much Prophaneness.

Give me leave to repeat, that this King ordinarily would be drunk, and namely one time (Sir *John Pooley* being his Servant, after an Inhabitant at *Wroungay* in *Norfolk*) he commanded *Pooley* to ask any Gift, to the Value of half his Kingdom, and he should have it. But he finding his Master
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so beastly out of Tune, demanded a great Pair of Stags Hornes; for which, after so moderate a Request, the King bestowed on him three thousand Dollars.

Is it not known to all *Germany*, that his drinking out of Reason with his Commanders, lost many Battels to the Emperor's General *Wallestine*? which proved a Disaster to the united Protestant Princes, so that he was fain to submit to the Emperor, with much Loss and Disgrace, to the Prejudice of the Cause of God: In which War his Brother King *James* proved a Coward to back a Religious Cause; for he would not raise Men nor Money; yet the Parliament incited and urged him thereto: To whom he made this Answer, He would not give so bad an Example to support his Son-in-law against the Emperor. Whereas the Laws of the Empire were, If the Emperor did unjustly, the seven Electors might depose him; for certainly the joining of *Bohemia* with the Count *Palatine* of the *Rhine*, might have been a chief Prop to support the Protestant Party; which by *Denmark's* Fault, and King *James's* Willfulness, the Emperor got the Mastery of: Tho' after God raised *Gustavus Adolphus*, King of *Sweden*, to turn the Scales to the united Princes Side, yet, in Conclusion, the *Swedes* have fought more their own Interest than God's.

Behold, if we examine Queen *Mary*, she cannot clear her Reputation with *Harry Fermin*: For if King *Charles* had not been so blinded, it had been discovered long ago, and she punished or divorced; but the King being guilty of the same Crime, winked at it; which made him purblind, and count it a Venial Sin, as the Papists term them, but swallowed the Mortal; yet urged by an Earl much with him, if he would not believe the unfutable Behaviour between the
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Queen and *Fermine*, if he would go into her Chamber, he might be satisfied, and behold *Fermine* sitting upon the Bed with the Queen; so the King and the Lord went in, and found her and *Fermine* in that Posture. The King presently, more ashamed of the Act, than blaming her, departed, without speaking a word; yet for all this the Queen was very jealous of the King, inso-much as he loving a very great Lady now alive, whom he had for a Mistress, to the Intent he might have more Freedom with her, sent her Lord into the *Low-Countries*; in the mean while, he daily courts her at *Oxford* in her Husband's and the Queen's Absence: But the Lord returning, the King diverted his affectionate Thoughts to another married Lady, of whom the Queen was jealous at her return from *France*; so that on a Time this Lady being in Queen *Mary's* Presence, and dressed *à la mode*, the Queen viewing her round, told the Lady she would be a better Mistress for a King, than a Wife for a Knight. The Lady replied, *Madam, I had rather be Mistress to a King, than any Man's Wife in the World.* For which Answer she was obliged to absent her self from Court a long Time.

Now as all Men and their Affairs are subject to Mutation by a heavenly Providence punishing Sinners for Sin, the Wheel turns Greatness from Top to Bottom, of which I have given you a notable Landskip in the frail Condition of the Imperial Family of the *Stuarts*; who, raised to a glittering Glory by the Succession of many Kings, are now tumbled from the Mount of Ambition and highest Authority over three Kingdoms, are at last reduced not to be Lords of a visible Mole Hill; whose Heat of fiery Pride hath consumed into Ashes of Ruin their Felicity. Let us mark the Shipwrack of those, who will not veil the

Sails of Tyranny and Oppression ; they shall not avoid a Tempest of God's Anger for Precipitation.

In this Revolution, God had a special Hand, who, when he determined to bring this Family to Destruction, accomplished it not only by poor and weak Means, but by his mightiest Thunderbolts of Vengeance. This Truth manifesteth itself perspicuously in this Tragical History, of those who have made the flourishing Condition of three Kingdoms stumble, by advancing and giving ear to corrupt Instruments of State placed at the Helm ; who wept not for our common Calamity, but in the Tears of Inferiors ; and therefore I demonstrate, that never shall Justice be so well done, as by Parliamentary Proceedings, to settle this Common-wealth upon a pious Basis, where they proceed in Justice to banish Oppression, that Property may fall into the right Channel, and holy Men be advanced and rewarded, and wicked punished, to the End that the People may be lulled asleep in the Cradle of Ease and Tranquillity ; so shall Love of Governors be in such Estimation, as Body and Purse may be at Command ; for Fear poisons a Nation with Distrust and Hatred ; the first makes firm and stable the Foundation of any State ; the last brings it by insensible Steps to fall and moulder away like a crazy Building. Provided always, until the State have a perfect Cure, there may be armed Chirurgeons to cut off the gangreen'd Part, which might putrify the Head, resembled to wise Counsellors, who will preserve the whole Body ; so they endeavour that Taxes be moderated, as the Temper of the Pulse and Health shall appear.

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And therefore I beseech you give me Leave to turn my Pen out of the Road, with a Counsel from my Heart not impertinent to my dear Countrey-men, to Profit by the Storm past, reduced by God's Providence to a Calm; to make a pious Use of his great miraculous Deliverance. I being a Man can speak by Experience, who hath been most justly worried by the Hand of the Almighty for Sins; therefore let them consider, that *The Chidings of a Friend are better than the Kiss of an Enemy*; a Proverb of Solomon; which, if we shall confide in, we may be styled Children converted to Good; if not, may be accounted Despisers of the Rod: Which Maxim I illustrate the Truth of, by the *Grecian Alcibiades*; by how much his Banishment was more cruel by the *Athenian Ostracism*, by so much more his Qualities and Worth were esteemed. The Skill of the Mariner is not at all observed in a Calm, but in a Tempest; the wise *Ulysses* had perished, if he had not been in danger of Ruin: Pleasures blunt and strangle Piety; when Adversity moulds the Will and Humors to a Byass of fearing God, inclines us to know our selves, and understand the End of Creation and Birth to the Glory of God, and Good of our Countrey: We are not born for our selves: Our Eyes are closed with Delights, open in Chastisements; in the one, Sin draws more Punishment, in the other, we see clearly our Aberrations, as Spots in a Glass. We are here on a Theatre for every one to play his Part; the Tragical seems more difficult, by Hatred, Envy, and Jealousy, the Slaves of Reason; yet in Truth, are banished in Troubles, when God loves the afflicted better, who, as a Sovereign, resembleth the Ocean, which receives that it gives, to the End the revenging Justice of Heaven turn not Wrath against them; but

the Devil, Enemy of Repose, enchants us in Luxury, when Affliction imitates Nature by Degrees from a little to more, and from more proceeds to a human Perfection in Piety.

I heartily desire you, take this Advice above a Human, the Command of God: *Be subject to the higher Powers: for they are of God.* Wherefore, I beseech you, respect those set at the Helm, whom God hath made Instruments of our Happiness: For naturally we are hooded, and cannot see that God hath done miraculous Works: Look not upon them as Men, but as God's Instruments, to execute his Will; brought out of the Shop of his Almighty Work-House, to accomplish his Determinations; and are not to be laid aside, till by God's Appointment they turn into the Tying-House: For certainly we have great Cause to give Thanks to God for the Parliament's valorous Success of Army and Navy; both for General, Lieutenant-General, Sergeant-Major Generals, Colonels, Officers, and Soldiers; as for the Admirals and Captains at Sea, whom God hath miraculously preserved, to prevail over the Enemies of the State; and so let God have the Glory, and we Tranquillity all our Days.

But when I revolve in my Thoughts the Opinion most are possessed with, as with a Devil, that Parliament and Army are a Punishment for their Sins, and attribute so great Victories to Chance; I may justly suspect their Atheism; whose Lives I never see more amended, by God's immediate Hand on us, to make the Omnipotent Father of Spirits to have no Hand in it; or if acknowledged in Words, return not from Iniquity, and are not thankful for arriving to so safe a Harbour as they are in, nor see that God is about to mould the World in another Fashion,

Fashion, as he hath declared by his Prophets of old ; and so, like Swine, look down to the Earth, and not to Heaven, to see a Divine Cause of a mighty Alteration.

Now to shew that the Parliament proceeded justly in this War, I will prove it by Arguments Divine and Humane, Reason and Law.

First, If we regard the Scripture, we shall find *Rehoboam* the Son of *Solomon* justly lost the ten Tribes, because he laid such heavy Burdens on the *Jews*, who declared they had no Share in *David*, wishing *Israel* to depart to their Tents ; although God had made a Covenant with *David*, that his Posterity should sit on the Throne for ever, on Condition they continued to serve the Lord as they ought ; which Covenant *Rehoboam* broke by Sins, in such sort as God punished Sin with Sin, suffering him to oppress and impose more heavy Taxes on the People, than his Father ; a Reason God dissuaded the Children of *Israel*, who refused God and would have Kings to Rule over them, to enthrall them to his Will ; but they persisted not to follow the Counsel of the Almighty, therefore it was just the Kingdom should be divided for their Disobedience : Or, if King *Rehoboam* did wickedly, he could not be stiled God's Vicegerent over the twelve Tribes ; for God, whom Governors represent, never oppresseth his People but for Sin. When Kings cease to imitate God, they cease to govern or be Governors, and represent not God ; when they are not God's Deputies, they insult over the People without Authority : For this is an infallible Rule (not to be gainsaid) in Scripture, that if the People sin against God, and the King do not oppose it, but yield to it, they are punished ; and if the King sin, and they concur with him, they are punished : So that if the Parliament

liament had not opposed King *Charles*, God would have been revenged on them. Now when a Father wrongfully injureth his Children, his Love to them is at an End, and so is his Paternal Power; for Children are bound to be obedient to Parents, not to be ruined by them: So that Subjects are bound to obey the Sovereign, so long as he keeps himself within the Bounds of Justice and doing Right; but if the King would destroy his People, they are no more his Subjects, nor are they bound to obey; but he is a Tyrant. God never punished a pious King that used his People well; otherwise God should be unjust. If God were Author of the Conquest over King *Charles* in so many Battels, who is the God of Sabbaoths, that is, of Battels; if he were not the Cause of our Victories, he were not God of Battels; in which Belief they should give a Deity to the Parliament Forces, which is Blasphemy; for they conquered over the Cavaliers: By which it appears, God sent this as a Punishment on the King, and the Victory was not a Punishment on the Parliament, who defended the People in their Rights. Kings are ordained for the Good of their Subjects, not for their Hurt; nor were People brought into the World to have Kings over them, but to honour and glorify God: God is not glorified, when Inferiors are suppressed by their Superiors; a Sin God highly punished in the *Jews*; God were the Author of Oppression, if Kings had such a Deputation from him.

This Prince committed a great Fault, in adhering too much to his unbridled Will; preferring his Passion above the Good of his People: There may be Excuses in Youth, for want of Experience; in stealing, for Occasion; in killing, for Injuries offered; in Adultery, for Persuasions of Love, and Heat of Youth; in Rebellion, for

for Defence: But for Offences against the Commonwealth, there is no Satisfaction but a Block or a Gibbet. For a Shepherd to shear the Fleeces off his Flock, may be tolerable; but to flea them, and cut their Throats, is abominable before God and Man. For Kings should have the Care of a Master, Love of a Father, Tenderness of a Protector, Diligence of a Shepherd, to preserve their Subjects from Wrong: For without a Parliament, Kings have no Ears, nor Eyes to see the Injuries of the Publick, but by their Favourites; who, to encrease Wealth (raised from nothing) are like Blood-suckers, to drain the People, and make themselves rich. If every Member of the Commonwealth ought to preserve the State above his own Life, much more a King is chosen God's Vicegerent on Earth, to preserve his People committed to his Charge in Safety.

Therefore God took from *Reboboam* and *Belshazzar* their Kingdoms, by his Instruments the People; and *Nebuchadnezzar* and *Sennacherib*, both for Pride, and wronging the *Jews*; the one was reduced to Grass with the Beasts, and the other was overthrown in Battel with hundred thousands. The Example of *Attilius Regulus* is commendable; who, rather than the Honour of the *Roman* Senate should suffer Prejudice, performed his Promise, and returned to *Carthage*, to undergo exquisite Torments. If Subjects, much more a King God hath entrusted with his People, should have Care of his Parliament and People; then much more should be taken Care of the Lives of the People.

Wherefore the Parliament seeing King *Charles* did raise an Army to defend ill Counsellors, and ruin his People, the Parliament; rather than the King should ruin the People, first they employ'd
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the Army to take away from him bad Counsellors, and bring them to condign Punishment; but King *Charles* justified their destructive Advice by a War, to ruin the Authority Parliaments; and by this made himself an Enemy of Commonwealth. Therefore it was just the Parliament should defend themselves by a War, yea, subdue the King's Power, which would destroy the Representative, which maintained the Liberty of the Subject and Property of their personal and real States.

And though it may be objected, he had most of the Gentry and Nobility; yet I answer, They had the major Part of the Electors sided with the Parliament in their Purfes.

Also some object, that the King had many Members of Parliament; but for certain, if they would depart from the lawfully-called Parliament, to ruin the People, the Remainder in the House were the Representative, to adjourn the Parliament from Day to Day; for otherwise it had been *sine die*, and had *ipso facto* dissolved the Parliament; then had the whole Nation remained Slaves and Vassals for ever, at the King's Mercy. And therefore it was most just to subdue and put King *Charles* to death, as a mortal Enemy, who laboured to destroy the Commonwealth with all his Power; for if a Member, who hath an inclusive Right, ought to have Sentence of death; much more a King, who hath an impositive Care from God, ought to have Sentence of death: For Kings now are not the anointed of God, as *David* was; but by the Scripture, every Saint is anointed; which by the Popish Clergy was usurp'd to them, and after by their Policy attributed falsely to Kings, to maintain their Hierarchy.

Wherefore we may justly argue, that the Author of Spirits had a long Time continued Patient,

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in suffering three several Families to be Superintendants over three Kingdoms five hundred Years; when he raised the several Houses to the Throne, to make an Essay of their Behaviour, to bring up the People in the Fear of God; whose Time was long spent in Idolatry, and after reduced to a Prophaneness, and then to a Peace, and little Part of a reformed Way, and not a Total; partly serving *Baal*, and partly God; which caused God's Arrows at last to fly abroad, and shot the last Prince with a mortal Blow: For it is manifest, a King could not make a War with his Parliament, till it were ended; and the King passed an Act not to end it till all the three Estates were agreed: And when it ended, all he could do, should be to indict them by a Jury, to find them guilty; but by making a War, he leaves them at Liberty to defend themselves; so that what he did amiss, should be complained of in the next Parliament after.

In the War, the King's Purpose could not be to make them obedient, which is too harsh a Way: For in so doing, he becomes their Enemy; and then they are out of his Protection. Or if the Subjects war with the King, and he oppose, they are not Subjects. A King is not a King, when he makes a War against his Subjects, but he is a Tyrant, and they are not Rebels, no more than when a King treateth with his Subjects, are they not Subjects: By such a War he ratieth them to have a Right and Power to contest with him; as the fifteen Provinces were made by the King of *Spain*, in a Negotiation, a free State; much more the Reason holds in a War.

How many times did the Parliament court the King, yea, humbly petition him, and treated with him by Commissioners, to do divers Things most necessary for the Good of the then King-

dom ! and he remained obdurate. If he were so obstinate when he was under the Power of the Parliament (as in the Isle of *Wight*) how averse would he be, or rather, domineer over, and ruin them, when they were in his Clutches ! As if a Partridge (being near to a Faulcon) intangled with his Varvels, might peck and tack her, yet would not she yield to a small Bird ; what could the Faulcon do when he had her trussed ? surely plume on her, and at last wring off her Head.

How many times have the People in this Nation assumed the Power to themselves, for Kings overflowing the Rules of Moderation ! As in the Times of *Henry* the Third, *Edward* the Second ; *Richard* the Second, *Henry* the Sixth ; and after, upon good Behaviour, they resigned the Keys of Sovereignty to the intrusted Keepers ; as namely in chusing the supreme Officers, which of Right belonged to the Parliament ; and a long time since, by Intrusion, kept in the Hands of the Diadem, but in a parliamentary Orb ; wherein, when the great Officers were fixed, they kept their Course from Retrogradation, by their aromatical Influence upon the Good of the People ; but after they were at the Devotion of the Chief, by that Derivation they wronged the People, and augmented the Power of Invassalage ; as who, in Name of the Upper, insulted over the Inferior, that all the *English* World was conformed to an incompatible Subjection and Submission, too unjustly imposed.

Therefore it was impossible that *Charles* which had his Hands in the Blood of Hundred Thousands, by his Instruments, should after that Carriage be free from Cruelty, Indignation, and Injustice, no more than a Leper can be made pure, or a Blackamoor white, or a Leopard clear from Spots. Therefore I will justly conclude, the Cup

of God's Vengeance was filled to the Brim, for King *Charles's* Family to drink the Dregs.

Now if the War of *France* and *Germany* were Just, especially the last, when the Emperor transgressed the Laws of the Empire, to make the united Princes to raise an Host to defend themselves, and rectify what was amiss, by ingrafting another Scyon in the Empire, which continued too long in one House of *Austria*; much more just is that of the Parliament, which hath Legislative Power, and Authority to draw Acts for the Good of the Subject, to which the King is always enjoined not to end the Assembly, till he had signed such Acts, and reformed all Abuses complained of. If the King should retire from the great Counsel, and not sign Bills of Right, twelve of the Lords, and twenty-four of the others were to repair to him, to know the Cause of his Absence, and urge the King to sign such Bills, and remove Grievances. If he did not sign, nor come in the Space of forty Days, they ought to chuse a Protector: And if he did persist in his Absence, they might justly depose him; as appears in the Book of the Manner and Fashion of holding Parliaments. And this was the Reason of the former King's Removal.

If a Master of a Family, who hath Wife, Children, Servants, Stock, and Cattel, in a Madness should go away from his House, and bring a Force to destroy his Family, kill his Children, take away his Cattel off his own Ground, and burn his House, he were a mad Man, and fitter for *Bridewell*, than to be a Master of a Family; as likewise a Protector, who ought to protect his People, if he would destroy them, because they would have a pious and virtuous Government, he is to be accounted a Destroyer, no Protector.

But some will say, the King had a Number of his Subjects, and the better Part.

But they were such as supported a Power, would take away the Property of their real, personal, and vital Estates ; which the King might do, if he conquered : If there were not Parliaments, a Check on the Sovereign, to protect Inferiors, such kingly Power would grow to such a Height, as no Moderation might be 'twixt Mercy and Tyranny.

I have often heard the Cavaliers say, They meant not to take away Parliaments, knowing they were for their Good and Benefit.

But if the King had prevailed by their Means, they should never have had Parliaments after : Then they would have been like Deer put in a Toil, and would have proved in the second Degree after us Slaves ; of which Slavery they were principal Authors.

Open your Eyes, ye Cavaliers, and see what Noose you had prepared for your own Necks ; when it had been too late to get your Heads out, after the Conquest, and Parliament ruined. Look into *France*, when the Parliament Estates were destroyed, they were no better than Slaves. How many of the Nobility suffered ! As *Montmorancy*, Count of *Soissons*, *Bouillon*, and others ; and the People generally so miserable, as they can hardly live.

For Bills of Grace, I see no Authority for it ; a Prerogative intended only by the Power of Kings ; for People (when they chuse one to rule over them) would justly be dealt with, and not harshly, when obedient ; for then the Sovereign ought to be loving to them, and a Father to them : But when the King takes his Sword to fight with his Subjects, they ought to defend themselves ; especially the Parliament, which is

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the highest Appeal for any Wrong offered by the King.

Therefore it was that our common Law allowed every one a Plea upon a Writ, justifying any against the Crown, for taking away of real and personal Estate. Also if *Magna Charta* forbids any Freeman to be imprisoned, and allows him an *Habeas Corpus*; much more Life may be preserved and defended by the Sword; for upon an Indictment of Man-slaughter *in se defendendo*, it is a good Plea to save his Life in his Defence, altho' he kill the other.

If any one defend his Estate against the King, much more Life may be defended by a Parliamentary Power, which is of a higher Nature; if every Subject, then the Parliament, which represents the whole Body, may raise an Army (if the People be willing to undergo it) on purpose to defend their Lives. All Warrants of Peace and good Behaviour were made in the King's Name; so then if the King raise an Army to murder his Subjects, he hath lost to be a Defender of them, and hath suspended, or rather lost his Prerogative of Sovereignty; for every Subject may kill one another, when there is no Power to restrain them; and the King cannot defend, when he raiseth a Power to kill them. The King had two Capacities, one as King, another as Proprietor of Lands, Honors, and Seignories: When he lost his first Capacity, the Parliament, which is the Representative, in Right of the People, might justly assume the supreme Authority to themselves, to defend those the King would murder; for the People first granted, or suffered Kings to have Authority over them for their Good; but when the King abuseth it, he ceases to be any longer their King, but becomes a cruel Tyrant; and then he may be justly tried in his second Capacity,

city, as a Subject, and lose his Life, forfeit Lands and Goods, by the Parliament, the supreme Judges.

And therefore it was, that *Richard* the Third, before *Henry* the Seventh conquered him, was held lawful King, and *Henry* the Seventh attainted as a Rebel by Parliament; but after the Conquest, *Henry* the Seventh's Attainder was reversed, and *Richard* the Third affirmed to be a Tyrant. This declares positively, that Parliaments have only Power to ratify and annul Kings, and no other: For else, by Power, any one may be a Sovereign, without the Parliament's Approbation; but never any ascended the Throne, that was not confirmed by Parliament; not only in Way of Ceremony, but essentially and really performed, by an Act, to allow and ratify the present King, or else he could not lawfully govern.

Besides, the King takes an Oath at his Coronation to maintain all the Privileges of the People: But when he brings them to Oppression and Tyranny, he is perjured, and loseth the Title of a Father and Protector of his People, and is in the Capacity of an Enemy to the Commonwealth.

Many Examples are in the World, that Kings, when they became Tyrants, have been deposed and killed; as in *Muscovy*, among the *Turks*, *Babylonians*, *Persians*, *Greeks*, and *Romans*; and he who is an Enemy to the Commonwealth, deserveth to die, by all Laws Human and Divine.

Kings have augmented their Prerogatives, and so by Intrusion have tyrannized over the Subject: For they have in the interim of Parliaments had Prerogatives to pardon Manslaughter, and such as are expressed in the Acts of Parliament; and by their Greatness they incroached their Power: For Kings could not take away the Life
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of any Subject, but by Indictment and Arraignment, and that by a Jury of twelve Men, who must find the Delinquent guilty or not guilty; not in Parliaments, but in the interim of them: Wherefore King *Charles* his coming with an armed Power to take out the five Members, was a high Breach of Privilege; and for declaring he would break the Neck of Parliaments, he deserved to be dethroned: This was to destroy the Right of his Subjects, so that they should have no Property in Estate, real or personal, nor Life: For while the Parliament sate, he ought not to question any: And afterwards he could not take away the Life and Estate of any without a Jury, but it would be questioned the next Parliament, as many Precedents in the Rolls of Parliament sheweth.

A Parliament is a free Place, where every one ought to speak their Mind freely, for the Good of their Countrey. Now it was the Fashion of King *James* and King *Charles*, when any spoke for the Good of the People, to corrupt them with Preferment, and make them Royalists who were afore for the Commonwealth; Preferment drawing them opposite to the Commonwealth, as Sir *Henry Yelverton*, Sir *John Savill*, Sergeant *Glonville*, Sir *Robert Heath*, my Lord of *Strafford*, and Master *Noye*; but Master *Noye* shewed afore his Death a great Remorse for it, to some of his intimate Friends. It was Greatness so bewitched them, and increased the King's Power, to wit, by Preferment and Honours; insomuch as Sir *Edward Hoby*, a factious Gentleman, at a Committee in the Parliament chosen to punish some Boys that abused old Master *Jordan's* Gloves, certain Boys being proved to be the Authors of that Roguery, the Committee debated what School-masters should correct them, whether

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Westminster or Paul's ; Sir *Edward Hoby* (I say) told the Committee, he had found out one would lash on both Sides, meaning Master *Yelverton*, Sir *Henry* being newly chosen Solicitor General for the King, to sign Bills of Grace ; which was only in Parliament to be done, when Lords and Commons had signed them afore, but out of Parliaments the Kings had no such Right. Its true, Kings might in interim of Parliaments, upon an Invasion, raise an Army, and impose Monies upon many of the Subjects ; but this was authoriz'd by Parliament ; and if he did amiss it was question'd the next Parliament. This shews plainly, that the Parliament had the Power, not the Royalty.

It is true, Kings have a Power to call Parliaments ; so have the Beadles in the Universities Power of calling Assemblies, Stewards of Courts to send out Warrants to keep Courts ; and yet both are subject, one to the Chancellors of the Universities, the other a Servant upon the matter to the Lords of Manors.

We need not fear Darlings of the Multitude in this State ; every one will labour to be a Darling of the People ; and none will make himself Great, unless he means to be ruined, and be an Ostracism.

Certainly to prevent this, it were good to extinguish all the Print and Stamp of Monarchy, not to give a Provocation to raise Power.

The Pretorian Cohorts advanced Emperors at their Pleasure ; the Janizaries the Great *Turks* ; but our Army is so pious, there is no Fear, especially being not in Body, but some in *Ireland*, some in *Scotland*, and dispersed in several Countries : Those who pay the Soldiers, shall have Obedience ; but as the Proverb is, *No Money, no Swiss* : No Money, no Obedience.

While the *Roman* Senate was rich, none durst assail the Monarchy ; but, as *Tacitus* reports, when

when the Greatness of the Senate and Riches decayed, then *Cæsar* invaded, after he had conquered *Pompey*.

It is to be observed, that what overthrows Monarchy, the same overthrows a Senatical Government. The Mayors of the Palace at *Paris* had Power to raise and depose Kings at Pleasure, till it was justly taken away; if there be any such Power in the City of *London*, it is to be taken away; for they may, by Wealth, Potency and Multitude, do the like to the Parliament: Yet they deserve much to be respected, for they have done as much for the Good of the State, as any City ever did in the whole World; and therefore are to be encouraged, to have Immunities and Privileges bestowed on them by the Parliament.

I deny not that there were Privileges belonging to the Kings of *England*; but those are due to him so long as he is a Defender of the People, and a good King: But if he proves not God's Vicegerent, but becomes an Enemy to the Commonwealth, his Regency is suspended, and he is not a common Person: Otherwise, Kings might destroy the People, and become an Enemy. So that his Title is annihilated, and made void; as a Shepherd who ought to preserve his Sheep when he goes about to kill and slay them, he cannot be called a Shepherd, but a Destroyer of his Sheep.

The Example of King *Henry* the Eighth, who, when the House of Commons would not consent to pull down the Abbeyes, sent for them, and kept them in a Room all Night, and in the Morning came to them, and persuaded them to pass the Bill, who in Fear next Day did it; this is no Argument to shew the Power of Kings: It was their Obstinacy to oppose against the Will of God,

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who determined to destroy those wicked Houses, which were erected in a blind Zeal, thinking by their Erection to make their Souls saved.

A King is compared to a Father ; if he would kill his own Children, he ceaseth to have Care of them, and is to be justly stiled a Murtherer, and no Parent, to preserve the Issue of his Body.

Parliaments were to be called every two or three Years, to reform Abuses in the Nation ; but King *James* said they were assembled to supply his Wants, and raise Money ; and therefore he denied them any other Discourse ; whereas indeed Parliaments were called for all the Members to complain of their Grievances, which were always redressed there. And there were Tryers of Petitions within the House to examine whether their Complaints were just : And certainly, if there were some now appointed without the Door of the Parliament to take Petitions, and examine whether they were fitly to be delivered to the House or no, it would give great Content to the People : For I am confident there have been many Petitions delivered, which ought not to be presented to interrupt the weightier Affairs there transacted : And upon this, the Parliament have unjustly been charged that they would not hear them, when in Reason they ought not to be preferred ; for many of them might have been redressed by Law, or some other way.

Now, to shew how the Prerogative was advanced : And that was done by making Lord-Lieutenants in every County, and so Deputy-Lieutenants ; a Device invented by the Earl of *Liecester*, when he returned from being Deputy-Protector of the *Low Countries* under *Elizabeth* Protectress ; who wished the Queen (from a Form

he had observed in those Parts, from whence he came, for a way that furthered the opposing of *Spain*) to make such; for if there should be an Invasion or Rebellion in *England*, it would be too long to send up to the Council; but it might easily be suppressed by them; two of the Deputy-Lieutenants having Power to suppress them, by raising Forces to oppose and subdue them.

Whereupon, I remember there was a Rising against the Inclosures of Commons (so much irksome to the People) for in some Places the People rose to pull them down, and were suppressed by the Power of the Deputy-Lieutenants, and divers hanged up; but the Deputy-Lieutenants were after fain to get Pardons, it being contrary to Law. Likewise a Cut-purse being taken in *Whitehall* in the then Presence, King *James* commanded the Lord *Garret*, the Knight-Marshal, presently to hang the Cut-purse; which was done instantly: But the Knight-Marshal was fain to get a Pardon under Seal. This shews plainly that no King can take away the Life of any without a lawful Tryal by Jury: *ergo*, he cannot murder his Subjects, nor raise a War during the sitting of the Parliament; for there he is to be in Person; then the King is less, and the Parliament supreme. Now, when the King takes his Sword into his Hand, and departs from the Parliament, he loseth his Privilege of King in Parliament, and becomes an Enemy to the State; and then justly his Name as King ought to be put out in any Commission, and the Parliament's Authority is to be used only.

I am therefore persuaded, that the adoring of Kings hath wrought this Misprision and Mistake of the Power of Kings, which by Laws of God and Man they have not; so that idolizing them hath ruined the Right of the People much: The

Lawyers also for Preferment and Advancement, have given a greater Prerogative to the Sovereignty than was due.

If we examine our Municipal Laws, and all Civil Laws, they are no way justifiable, but as they are correspondent to the Judicial Laws of the *Jews*, which were set down by God, to be a Pattern for all to be patterned by. I find no such Power given by God.

And where it may be objected, That God forewarned the *Jews* not to have a King over them, and expressed what Inconveniencies would follow of having Kings according to the Custom of Nations, what Slavery they should be in; this was not to shew that it was just so to do, but that their Power and Tyranny would force them to it.

Another thing that increased the Prerogative and diminished the Right of the People, was that the printed Statutes were not according to the Records of Parliament: Sometimes there was added to, and sometime diminished from what was in the Roll of Parliament, and somewhat put in that might be Advantageous to the Kings, and put out was for the Benefit of the Subject; as I have observed, by my comparing the printed Book with the Record. And truly, if there were a Committee to examine the Records, it should be necessary to see the Right of the Subject.

And in *decimo octavo Jacobi*, King *James* sent and took what was done that Parliament, from Master *Wright* Clerk of the Parliament.

So likewise the King by his Power, and the great Lords of Court, made Courtiers Burgeesses and sometimes Knight of the Shire by Letters who hindred much the Proceedings in Parliament by their Vote, it being the Policy of the Duke of *Cornwall* in the Stannaries to have a multitude

of Burgeſſes, to make themſelves potent in Parliament; which now the Parliament will prevent, by providing that the Representative may be equally choſen from all Parts.

Likewiſe it was uſual for King *James* and King *Charles*, if any did ſpeak in the Behalf of the Commonalty in Parliament, againſt the Prerogative, to make them Sheriffs, or impoſe other burthenſome Offices on them; as my ſelf and Sir *Guy Palmes* were ſerved, after that Parliament of 18 *Jacobi*; or to be revenged on them ſome other way, for doing their duty in Parliament, as then was invented by Projectors, as I could recite divers Examples in my time.

The Courtiers alſo laboured to make good Patriots Courtiers, as Sir *Dudley Digs* was made a Courtier, and Maſter of the Rolls, who was faithful to the Parliament, and died before the Parliament came: This was to draw their Affection from the Multitude to the Sovereignty; ſo that by thoſe means Tyranny was increaſed, and the Right of the People waved; which now will be redreſſed and reformed, by God's Bleſſing, and Prudence of the State.

Now I will draw a ſhort Landſkip, by way of Epitome, to examine what Good King *James* and King *Charles* have done ſince *Anno Domini* 1603.

The ſeven Year's Parliament was a ſage and wiſe Parliament, and laboured to do much good for the then Kingdom: And as a new Broom ſweepeth clean at firſt, King *James* granted ſome good Laws: But the Court of Wards they endeavoured to pull down, which had ruined infinite Families, upon Offer to give the King two hundred Thouſand Pounds, *in depoſito*, and annually two hundred Thouſand Pounds; but it was oppoſed by *Robert Earl of Salisbury* (otherwiſe a very good Common-wealth's-man)

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as too great a Thing for the King to part with. And truly that Parliament took great Pains to reform Abuses in Church and State; but not much was done for the Good of the Subject, but great Sums granted, and a good Government hoped for, rather than in Fruition. For King *James* spent much Time in his Pleasures, and much Money in Embassies, to make himself great; so that there was some Good for the Merchants; but Tonnage and Poundage, given by Parliament, was for guarding the Seas, which was employed to the Royal Purse only; so that altho' complained of, the Merchants were at a double Charge in waisting their Goods.

After, King *James* wronged the Fishermen and us much, by granting to his Brother *Henry* the Fourth, King of *France*, for his Month to fish on our Coast; who under that Colour took away the very Earth and Spawn of the Fish, Rotches, Gurnet, Cunger, and Hadduck, to *Diepe*; where they have Abundance, and we want.

King *James* granted the *Hollanders* to fish on our Coasts; and for a small petty Rate; the Island of *Lewis* in *Scotland*, and other Isles of *Ireland*, to dry their Fish; by which they have enriched themselves above forty Millions Sterling.

In that Parliament of seven Years, they laboured to reform Abuses in Church and Commonwealth; and that the pious Ministers might not be tied to subscribe to the unlawful Ceremonies of the Bishops, which was not granted; but in *nono Jacobi* at *Hampton Court*, were divers pious Men, as *Reynolds*, *Knivestubs*, *Clerk*, and other reverend Divines, to dispute about Ceremonies: But that the Divines had not Freedom of Speech, for all went on the Bishops Sides; a Cause, *England* in all Parts after were deprived of pious Men, which were silenced, imprisoned, and

and put out of their Lectures and Livings; so that want of Teaching caused Prophaneness to get the Preheminence.

The Parliament of *duodecimo Jacobi* was only for Undertakers to raise Money for King *James*: Some Bishops were questioned; as *Bilson*, and others; but the Parliament dissolved without doing any Thing.

Then was the Parliament of 18 *Jacobi*, where *Heath* was for the Commons; Sir *Thomas Wentworth*, and *Christopher Wansford*, and others, were for the King's Side; where also Sir *John Bennet*, Sir *Giles Mumpeffon*, and Sir *John Mitchel*, were condemned, and the Parliament so dissolved; in which Parliament, Serjeant *Grimston* called me out of the House to the Earl of *Bedford*, the Earl of *Westmorland*, and Sir *Francis Vane*, dead, to the little Room in the *Lobby*, where they offered me ten Thousand Pounds, or five Hundred a Year, which I would chuse, not to oppose the Bill of the Fens in the House. I answered, no Money nor Estate would make me betray the Countrey. This Parliament was made void, and thirty-two Patents called in by King *James*, and so he pleased the People with a Toy.

Many, and divers were convented by the Council Table to pay certain Sums, or to be imprisoned; whereof I was one, being brought before the Council, when Sir *Albert Morton* waited.

Then came the Parliament of 21 *Jacobi*, a little afore King *James's* End, where were some good Laws enacted; the Lord Keeper *Bacon*, and the Earl of *Middlesex*, condemned for Bribery.

A little afore this, I being *Custos Rotulorum* of the County of *Cambridge*, by *Buckingham* was put out, and Sir *John Cuts* put in, when I had that Office under the Broad Seal, which could not legally be taken away from me, unless I had committed

mitted some Fault, thereby to have forfeited the same.

Now there remaineth no more for the Parliament to do, but faithfully to keep what they have justly gotten by God's divine Providence, and his Will, in a valorous Conquest; to the End, that when they have settled the Building of the State upon a right and firm Basis, they may further enlarge the Kingdom of the *Lord Jesus*, by their Endeavours thro' *Europe*; which, I am fully assured, God hath appointed, and will certainly bring to pass, that all the World may see God's Determination in every Climate of this Part of the World.

After this new State is put into the Cradle of Ease and Tranquillity, to make it have a full Growth, there will be nothing to hinder the Establishment thereof; no Titles upon Marriage, as in Monarchy, because the Power is in the People, and they chuse a Representative that shall govern, every two or three Years making an Election of Members of Parliament; that every one may govern by Vicissitude: And therefore there would be no need of a *William* the Conqueror, to interrupt the Proceedings of the State; and disettle it by establishing of new Laws; there will be no *William Rufus* in a hunting Voyage to be slain; no King *John* to be poisoned at *Swinsted* Abbey by a Monk; nor there will be no beautiful *Rosamonds* to hinder a pious Government; no *Mortimers* to entice to his Bed, and lust the Wives of Princes: There will be no unnatural Mothers, like that *French* Lady, who killed her own Son, *Edward* the Second in *Pomfret* Castle, by the Power of a *French* Pride: There will be no *Pearce Gaviston*, nor *Spencers*, to draw a mighty State into their own Hands, by Ruin of the People: There will be no *Alice*

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Pearce, who sat at the Pillow of King *Edward* the Third, and kept a Privy-Council out, that should advise a King for the Good of his People: There will be no wanton Courtesan to pass by the Court-Chambers, and loose her Garter, to be a Means to settle an Order: There will be no *John* of *Gaunt* to deny the Inheritance of his first Children, and settle it upon his second Wives: There will be no *Richard* the Second, to send a Number of Nobility to be murder'd at *Calais*, to satisfy the unsatiable Desires of Princes; nor striving to ruin Parliaments, tho' it be to his own deposing; nor no Judges to counsel the Sovereign to ruin his People: There will be no Factions betwixt the Houses of *York* and *Lancaster*, to embroil the People in War; nor no Barons Wars, to make a Distraction in the Nations: There will be no working to have Burgeffes in Stannaries by Dukes of *Cornwall*; nor no Imprisonment of a Speaker, *Thorpe*, out of Parliaments; nor Factions for their private Interests to ruin the Publick: There will be no killing of *Henry* the Sixth in a Chamber, as *Richard* the Third did; no alluring of *Jane Shores* to Princes lustful Beds; no murdering of Princes, and smothering them, as was in the *Tower*; no *Empsons* and *Dudleys* to raise an Estate for Kings, by the Ruin of the People; no Pretences to make a War to gather Wealth, to peal and pole the Subject, and after to compose the War, and keep the Money in his own Purse, as *Henry* the Seventh did; nor Pride to put down the right Title of a Wife, and set up his own first, that was after it; no *Perkin Warbeck* to be an Impostor, to put by a right Title; no *Henry* the Eighth to make void a *Katherine's* Bed, to make Way for another Wife; no chopping off the Heads of Wives, to make Way for other Beauties for Lust; nor no terrifying of Par-

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liament, if they do not give Way to pass an Act to enrich his Coffers, as *Henry* the Eighth did in the Case of Abbeyes; no Cardinal *Woolseys* to set up their Arms afore their Masters, to make Way for a Popedom; and too too late Repentance, that he had not served God so faithfully as his Master, by which he came to a tragical End, to poison himself; no poisoning of *Edward* the Sixth by great *Northumberland*s, to make Way for the Diadem; no *Leicesters* to grow so potent, as to set up a School to vitiate Ladies; nor no drawing of Parliament Men from their Fidelity to their Country, as hath been used in King *James* and King *Charles's* Time; nor none so ambitious as to make themselves Darlings of the Multitude, to make Way for their own Interests above the Publick; nor for Kings to take Favourites to overthrow their Principals; none unworthy without Merit shall be employed; none shall grow lawless by Virtue of Princes Humors.

Surely, all Kingdoms have a Period; as the *Babylonian*, *Medes* and *Persians*, *Grecian* and *Roman*: Look in the History of all these, and you shall understand that Ambition, Oppression, Tyranny, and Injustice, have been the Changers of Government to some other Way or Persons.

It is probable, that the Determination of God is to destroy all Monarchy in Christendom: For if we begin with *France*, we shall find they have always adhered to the *Romish* Government, except a little Handful of those they call Reformed Protestants. How much have they wronged us in our Title, which belongs truly to us! And tho' they seem to be governed by a *Salique* Law; yet notwithstanding they have not kept the Order thereof, which they ought to have done, but have foisted in some Males, which ought to have been last, afore others which ought to have been first: And the Mayors of the Palace at *Paris* have
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set up Kings at their Pleasure, and not respected the Right of those that ought to have had it. The persecuting of the holy Men of *Towers*, and the *Albigenses*, the true Apostolick Descendants, who ever hated the *Roman* Heresies: That horrible and unheard of Massacre at *Paris*, in *Henry* the Third's Time of *France*, by the Device of the House of *Guise*; and Queen *Katherine*, who was a Witch, and made Juleps of young Children snatched up in the Night, to maintain her Lust, as *Comines* doth testify: And *Henry* the Fourth, turning his Religion from the Protestant Side, after God Almighty had blessed him with one and twenty Victories over the Popish League: *Lewis* the Thirteenth's making a War against the Protestants, to murder a Number of them, tho' it was with the Loss of five Thousand of the Nobility of *France*: The Duke of *Bouillon*, the Duke *Tremelly*, and divers others, changing their Religion; and Cardinal *Richlieu* giving Authority and Command in Arms, on purpose to destroy the *Huguenots*, tho' God blessed them to be the best Commanders in *France*: All these, I say, and many more I could repeat, will be a Means to shower down God's Vengeance to destroy that Monarchy.

Let us therefore cease from wondering at God's Works: For if a Sparrow falls not to the Ground without his special Providence, then much less is it wanting in turning topsy-turvy Principalities and Kingdoms: Certainly if this Vicissitude were not, Sin would have more abounded; Piety, or at least Morality, would be banished; and Men would forget the End of their Creation, and think there were no God to punish Sin, nor reward the Righteous; but do as the great Fishes, devour one another.

This makes me affirm, that it is not probable, that God can bless *Charles* the now supposed King of *Scots* from his Predecessors, if we examine the Mother's Side : The Grand-mother was proved by the Parliament of *Paris* to have made abortive her Son's Bed eleven Times, by Help of a *Spanish* Empirick; as by *Will. Murry's* Embassy appeared; who returned this Answer to King *Charles*: And therefore it was not convenient to yield that she should return into *France*: And also his Grand-Father turned his Religion, and was kill'd like a Calf by *Ravillac*: His Mother, for too much Familiarity with *Buckingham*, *Holland*, and *Jermine*; for the Duke, for fear the *French* Ladies should tell Tales of *George*, often mounted on his Steed, sent them into *France* contrary to the Articles of Marriage; so that the Queen was shut up in the Chamber alone, not to behold their Departure; and cut her Fingers with the Glass Windows, as *Duplex* the *French* Historiographer writes. And *Charles* the First, afore his Marriage, had for a Mistress a great married Lady (it is probable the Prince would follow the same Course after Marriage) by whom she had a Boy; and when he was Prince of *Wales*, bestowed on the Christening eight thousand Pound: It is to be supposed he being so good a Husband, and wise, would not lay out so much Cost for nothing. When he kept a Book, like *Henry* the Seventh, what Bribes that he shared, he set down punctually; So much received for such an Office, Place, or Honour; and would be displeased if he had not his Part agreed for with his Servants. And likewise the *French* Queen, Grand-Mother of *Charles* the supposed Second King of *Scots*, was so familiar with *Marquess d'Ancre*, whom she advanced to so high a Command, that by his Actions, and the Government after in her Regency

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France was almost overthrown, and the prime Nobility; and by her Counsel to her Daughter here, there were procured Matters of dangerous Consequence to *England*, since her arriving; who persuaded her Daughter to draw King *Charles* to the *Romish* Part (as by many Affairs appeared) and got a Patent to transport Leather into *France*, most prejudicial; which was condemned by this Parliament.

Wherefore, on all Sides, *Charles* the Second from them may justly expect not to prosper, especially by his rebellious invading of *England*; for if he had any Right, yet his Invasion, and the Conquest, hath justly extinguished his Title, especially King *Charles* and his Mother playing fast and loose so often, that no Issue from thence can either be legitimate or pious, from so ungodly a Derivative.

So that if the Quantity of Battels fought, so great a Revolution of the State, the several Qualities and Persons interested, or the long Continuance of Broils, could render a War memorable, this the Parliament hath undergone, and the new General finished, is in the highest Degree of God's miraculous Deliverances; after more than twenty Battels in three Nations, and above 300000 slain, and the State changed of Face and Masters; multitudes of Forts taken and surrendered; so that the Victorious are but Losers, till the State be brought to be (as the *French* Proverb is) *en bon point*, in perfect Health, after a War that hath continued almost nine Years.

The Subject came from King *Charles*, leaving his Parliament in the Suds, and violently raising a destructive War to ruin three Nations. It had rather been Wisdom in the King to apply to the People Lenitives, not Corrosives: Great Wounds are to be sewed, not rent; which is the Part of a good

a good Chirurgeon; Restoratives are to be given, not Purges, to the Patient: So Kings ought to amend what was amiss, and not oppose them with Violence; appease their Fury, not exasperate them by a War: For this Thunder-bolt, by wicked Council was contrived, to break forth in fiery Flashes at an instant in the three Nations, about the 23d of *October* 1642.

Wherefore the Parliament now assembled aims at this End, that as in Grammar there can be no good Construction nor Coherence to make true Orthography, without the Substantive and Adjective conjoined, which is resembled to the Parliament the supreme Authority, now settled by God's Assistance, appointing the Council of State, who will bring mighty Things to pass, and cause the annual Officers to nourish all the Members in their several Callings, that there may be a semblable Endeavour of the Well-being of every good Citizen and Inhabitant, as well as those in Authority; that Piety may be exalted and increased by the Lamps of the Sanctuary, indued with the Spirit of God; that the whole Body may be governed Apostolically, whereof *Christ* is the Head, without whom nothing can be effected: For if *Christ* be not chiefest in our Thoughts, no no State can be durable, but like a sandy Foundation will moulder away: That the Electors may love the elected, and esteem and obey them, who spend their Spirits to advance the Common Good, keep and defend the Weal-publick in Health and Prosperity, that it be not hectical, meager, nor lean; nor too *Saturnical*, nor too *Jovial*, but in a golden Temper. These are wise Physicians, who cure the Maladies, Fevers, and Distempers, that Blood may run in every Vein of the State to nourish the whole Body, in Justice, Equity, and Right, through the *cava vena, cava porta,*

perta, , and smaller Veins ; the great Cities and Towns as well as the small ; that the Officers and Magistrates have not a Dog's Appetite, to turn Judicature to a bad Chylos, but to an equal Distribution of Right, that the Heart, the Courage of the People, may be fostred in good Actions, without respect of Persons, but with regard to the Right of the Cause ; that Vice and Sin may be punished, with a Parenthesis of Mercy ; that the Republick may have foreign and native Commodities ; that the Land lie not fresh-forth, as the Lord terms it, but that there may be Importation and Exportation ; that Manufacture may be maintained, to keep from the Bane of Idleness and Debauchedness, that Trade may dish out all Things necessary for Use, seemly Ornament, and lawful Pleasure ; that the Merchant, the Purveyors of the Nation, export and import all Commodities for the Good of the State ; that just Impositions, Impost, Subsidy, and Excise may be paid, without Corruption and defrauding the State ; that Artificers may be able to maintain their Families ; that Laws may be kept within the Channel of God's Rule and Direction ; that Potency surround not the Peoples Property, nor wink at the Spoil of Inferiors ; that those in Authority regard more their publick than their private Interest ; that the Orphans, Widows, and Fatherless, be relieved, the Innocent freed, and the Nocent escape not Punishment ; and that the Navy, the Walls and Bulwarks, may be maintained in good Equipage, for the Honour and Defence of the Nation.

By this means the Wise and Sage Council of State will undermine the Enemies Plots, so that their Malice hurt us not, by Intelligencers in Foreign Parts, employed to prevent Mischief to the

the Commonwealth ; wherein the Earl of *Salisbury* (dead) was vigilant, at the annual Expence of 2000 Pounds. And therefore I am confident the Parliament frames the State to this Fashion, if Time and Repose, the Midwives of all Affairs, would give them leave to bring forth to Action their contrived Principles, in which hitherto they have been impeded, by the Plots of Malecontents, and by procuring Provisions for subjugating *Ireland* and *Scotland*, the Enemies of God and of this State.

Consider, therefore, O *England*, that they do as wise Physicians are accustomed, afore the perfect Remedy of Patients Consumption, advise not to Action, Employment, and Troubles in Affairs, till restored to Strength and Vigour.

Wherefore now I come to observe how miraculous it is that my Lord General, descended by his Mother by the Male-stock of the *Stuarts*, should be a Revenger, under God and the Parliament, of so many horrible Murthers and Adulteries, Oppressions, fearful and abominable Wickedness, as I have ravelled out the Pieces, to wind up this Bottom, in some special Points ; but have omitted many this *Enchiridion* is able not to contain ; which, when God shall enable me, and the State enjoin, I shall willingly undergo.

I observe likewise, by his Father, that this Conqueror is a Male of that Great *Cromwell*, the sole Contriver of the Dissolution of the Abbies (under Cardinal *Woolsey*) those adulterous Seminaries of Lust, Gluttony, and Idleness, that I saw with mine own Eyes, when I went to School at *Bury*, fifty four Years since, from a well brought up thousands of Childrens Bones, which were murdered and cast in it, that the In chastity of the Nuns and Fryers might not be found out.

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And although *Cromwell* Earl of *Essex*, by the Malice of the Popish Clergy, was contrived to die, yet he was a Lord of transcendent Parts, and a Scourge to ruin those pestilent Abbies; as if God would requite and revenge his Death, by giving such an Honour to his Name and Family in After-ages, to raise up a *Cromwell* to be God's Instrument to destroy such a wicked Stock, which nourished such irreligious Houses, whose Hands were imbrued so often in Blood; and that amongst the three Generals God raised up this last, with a Mind and Body suitable to finish an absolute Conquest over the Royalty: A Work in which the Heavens (God's Creatures) appointed him to be a principal Coadjutor, under this present Parliamentary Power; God dispensing so much Sufficiency of Wisdom, Piety, and Prowess, out of the Trèasury of Nature, for an Accomplishment; pointing with the Finger to every one, *Oliver Cromwell* as a Prodigy, to perform what the great Creator resolved to bring to pass in this *Stuartical Catastrophe*; for which he is equal with *Alexander the Great*; leaving him to shine as a Star placed by God amongst all the military Forces of *Europe*, under the Parliament and the supreme Authority of the Commonwealth, to be a glorious Sun and a *Prometheus* for to bring in a heavenly Light for all *Europe* to behold more clearly God's Will and Determination, which will be more sensibly and visibly known after the next Year's great Eclipse, to enlighten not only the Cavaliers, but also *Europe*, what God's Purpose is to act in future Ages; in which Course it is behooveful for every Christian to observe, that he may manage his Affairs accordingly, to the glory of God and his own Safety. For so infallible is the Will of God to

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take Revenge of Injuries done, not observing the Prefence of Times when they were committed, but transferring Occasions from one Season to another; he calleth the Sinners into Reckoning when they have least Memory of them: Therefore God hath appointed this thrice honourable Parliament the Instruments to punish all those Delinquents, who have raised this Storm against the Commonwealth, to bring them on their Knees to Petition for a Composition for their Estates personal and real, and others to forfeit their Estates for their insupportable Malignancy; who now begin to behold that Peace is better than War, Quietness than Rebellion, and Subjection than Opposition: For it is not sufficient that the supreme Authority of a Nation do their Duty; but as in the nourishing of the Body, though the Head be well disposed, yet it is also necessary all the Members do their Office in obeying the supreme Authority's just Command with all possible Diligence: So shall they be by the States Indulgence united, who were divided, and enjoy the same Privileges with us; and we all may sit under our Vines, and glorify the God of Heaven, who will bless and prosper us.

To conclude, I humbly beseech the supream Authority of *England* assembled in Parliament, to pardon my Age, if I have not-so punctually set them down in order as I desired, being shortned by Time, and wanting a faithful, able Transcriber, to write out this Remonstrance as I could wish: My Intentions are only to manifest God's Determination in abasing Greatness which will not stoop to the Government of our Saviour *Jesus Christ*, the second Person in the Trinity, to whom God hath given all the Power in this sublunary World, for the good of his Elect: To which
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I add a gentle Admonition to all Princes of *Europe*, to give over Tyranny, and submit to the Power of the Redeemer and Saviour, who hath sacrificed his Life to save wicked Sinners; and so prevent a Shower of God's Vengeance impending, which is ready to dissolve and pour down upon their Heads.



O YE Princes of Europe, that persecute Inferiors by Tyranny and Oppression, look on the Works of God since the Creation, and you shall see plainly the Great Creator will dismount your Glory and Pride usurped over others, yea, a Power to hinder the Government of Christ, that the Kingdom of the Gentiles is stopped in the Election of the Saints, by adbering to the great Whore of Babylon, and her Superstition; who takes upon her the Authority of the Son of God, and hinders the Conversion of Souls: Turn your Eyes back, and see, as in a Glass, what great Alteration God hath brought to pass since he made the World.

The First great Change was in Enoch's Time: When Men were licentious, God turned the Stream, and they began to fear him.

The Second was in the Flood: When Noah had preached to the Old World above an hundred Years, and they would not be warned, God sent a general Deluge and destroyed all but eight Persons.

The Third was an odd Number, in the miraculous Deliverance of his Church the Israelites out of Egypt.

The Fourth was in Salmanasser's Time, when the Jews cryed to God in their Banishment, and were reduced to Jerusalem from Captivity.

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The Fifth was more worthy Admiration, in send-
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The Sixth was in Charlemain's Time, when Mo-
narchy began to spread and surround the Earth to
Potency, by priding it over the People.

But to this last is Sabbath, and gives a Rest and
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